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Welcome to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Newsletter. Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) is committed to keeping the community informed about current capital improvement projects. This monthly newsletter includes major updates from some of our ongoing projects.



This July, the Capital Programs team is excited to welcome new leadership within the Facilities and Operations Department. Denocencia Wade has joined ACPS as the new Director of Educational Facilities. Denocencia brings a wealth of experience in capital improvement programs and K–12 school operations, and we're thrilled to collaborate with her as we continue shaping and delivering high-quality learning environments across ACPS.

You can learn more about Denocencia and her background in the current issue of [ACPS Express](#). Please join us in giving her a warm welcome!

Read on to learn more about upcoming community meetings and the latest project updates.





# VIRTUAL COMMUNITY MEETING

HOSTED BY: ACPS OFFICE OF CAPITAL PROGRAMS, PLANNING, AND DESIGN

## George Mason Modernization Project

**Date:** Monday, July 28, 2025

**Time:** 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** [Online \(Join Here\)](#)

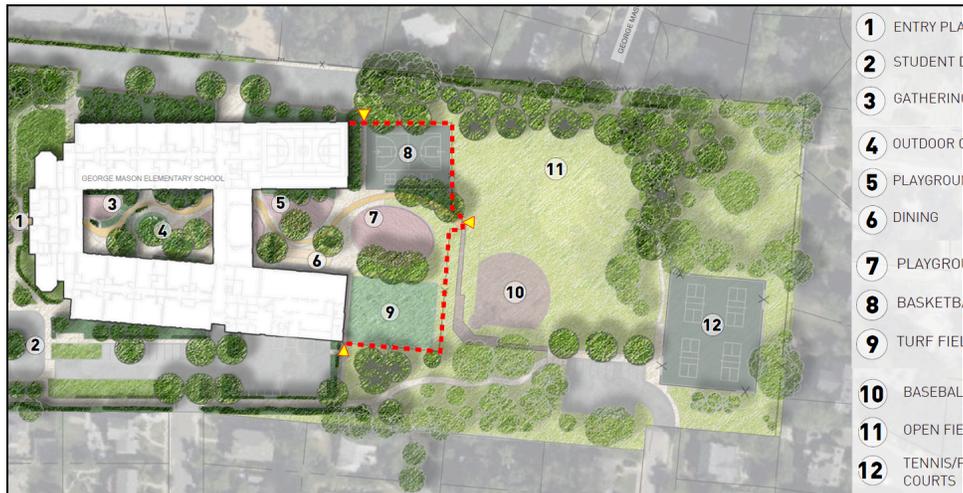
To access information on past community meetings, please visit the webpage for the [Office of Capital Programs, Planning & Design](#).



## CAPITAL PROGRAMS, PLANNING & DESIGN PROJECT UPDATES

The ACPS Office of Capital Programs, Planning and Design manages new facility projects (capacity projects) from initiation through the end of construction. The office is committed to modernizing school facilities at the elementary, middle and high school levels.

### George Mason Modernization Project



George Mason students concluded the school year on June 12, 2025, and the relocation to the Swing Space began immediately thereafter. The school building has been fully cleared of all items, and the contractor, Whiting-Turner, has officially taken control of the site. Abatement work is scheduled to begin this month and will include the placement of dumpsters and temporary protective fencing around building entrances.

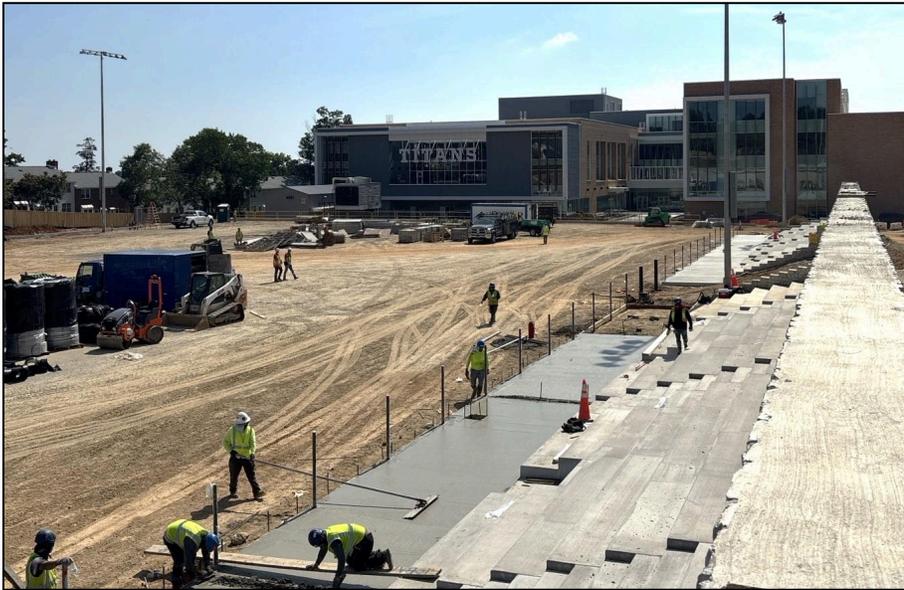
Project partners are working closely with the City to obtain the remaining site plan approvals. Once secured, these approvals will allow for the installation of full perimeter construction fencing and the commencement of building demolition. Building permit applications will be submitted in July, with new construction expected to begin in Fall 2025.

### 1703 N. Beauregard Swing Space



All George Mason furniture and classroom materials have been successfully moved to the swing space. Furniture punch list work is being finalized. The secondary punch walk with Gilbane has been completed, and the City's Recreation team has conducted their punch walk of the playground areas. Commissioning and training for the building automation system are complete, and 90% of all building operations training has been finalized. The health inspection has been completed and approved, and a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy has been issued.

## The High School Project: Minnie Howard Redevelopment



**New Campus:** Playground shading installation is partially complete, with one remaining piece pending delivery from the manufacturer. Completion is expected before the end of summer. All other work has been finalized.

**Former Campus (Phase II- Athletic Fields):** The geothermal well field is complete, and all connections to the building have been made. Temporary shed equipment has been shut down, with removal of the shed scheduled to begin the first week of July. General grading across the field areas is complete and will continue along the sidewalk adjacent to W. Braddock Road, parking lot areas, and the east fire lane throughout July. The underground stormwater systems are finished, and the final on-grade dry swale is expected to be completed by mid-July. Concrete work, including sidewalks, curbs and gutters, staircases, and other elements, is ongoing. Electrical work is progressing with the installation of light poles, expected to be completed by mid-July. Residential fencing around the site perimeter is complete, and all remaining site fencing is scheduled for completion by mid-July. Field turf and tennis court paving will begin in early July. Some landscaping and plantings will be deferred to the fall planting season to ensure ideal conditions for healthy growth and long-term survival. All work remains weather-dependent, and schedules may be adjusted accordingly.

## EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES PROJECT UPDATES

ACPS is modernizing its school facilities in a process that is expected to take place over the next 10 years. The Office of Educational Facilities is responsible for non-capacity projects that include building upgrades, such as heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC), roof and safety and security upgrades. Project updates can be found on the [Office of Educational Facilities](#) webpage.

### **Alexandria City High School - King Street Campus**

- Auditorium Audio/Visual (A/V) Phase 2 - equipment options for installation in the auditorium are still being considered.
- Stadium Seating Improvement Project - design options are currently under review.
- Cistern Improvements - the engineer will assess the scope of work needed to replace old pumps, remove sludge and drainage blockages, and upgrade equipment controls. This work may require City permits and right-of-way access approvals.
- Kitchen refrigerator compressor replacement work is ongoing.

### **Alexandria City High School - Minnie Howard Campus**

- Security vestibule upgrades are underway.

### **Charles Barrett Elementary School**

- First floor classroom corridor flooring abatement and luxury vinyl tile (LVT) flooring installation is complete.

### **Francis C. Hammond Middle School**

- Auditorium - The team will re-engage the architect to design a ceiling renovation package, including new tiles, lighting improvements, and minor mechanical improvements in the Fall 2025.

### **George Washington Middle School**

- Enhancements to the immersion classroom (ie .blackout shades, painting, minor cabling needs, etc.)
- Kitchen refrigerator compressor replacement.

### **James K. Polk Elementary School**

- Re-paving and stormwater management (SWM)- improvements are currently on hold pending City permitting and approvals

### **John Adams Elementary School**

- Skylight shading installation is complete.
- Repainting of various corridors on hold until Fall 2025.
- Painting of floor lines and numbers in the auxiliary gym are on hold until Fall 2025.
- Interior LVT flooring installation for identified classrooms will commence Summer 2025.

### **Lyles-Crouch Traditional Academy**

- Drainage project- the project is currently on hold pending City permitting and approvals.

### **Naomi L. Brooks Elementary School**

- Media Center- moving, demolition, and abatement work has commenced.
- Window replacement is in progress.

### **Samuel W. Tucker Elementary School**

- Washer/Dryer- awaiting trades permits.
- LVT flooring replacement in kindergarten classrooms is complete.

Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) serves more than 16,300 students who hail from more than 118 countries and speak 127 languages. ACPS has 18 schools, including two middle schools, two K-8 schools, one pre-K school and the internationally recognized Alexandria City High School. ACPS is committed to nurturing, educating and inspiring each student so they are prepared to thrive in college,

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