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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.



While students and staff enjoyed some much needed time off this summer, the Facilities and Operations teams have been hard at work preparing for the new school year.

On the Capital Programs side, fencing has been installed around the former George Mason Elementary School campus, and we are excited to share that the construction phase of the modernization project is officially underway. Meanwhile, the George Mason Elementary School Swing Space at 1703 N. Beauregard Street is fully set up and ready to welcome staff and students to their temporary home for the start of the school year.

Over on the Educational Facilities side, Director Deno Wade and her team have been busy installing new flooring, upgrading windows and ensuring our schools are polished and ready for the return of students.

We hope everyone enjoys these final weeks of summer break. We cannot wait to see the bright and shining faces of our ACPS students and staff very soon!

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

**There are no community meetings scheduled for August at this time.**



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



Site fencing has been installed. Utility test pitting has been completed and backfilled. The school has been turned over for contractor use only. Interior demolition and removal of loose debris are underway. Hazardous material abatement has been completed in one area and has moved to a second section of the building. Abatement work is expected to continue through August. Final site plan approvals and building permit reviews are ongoing with the City. All work is currently on schedule.

The Office of Capital Programs, Planning, and Design team held a virtual community meeting with Whiting-Turner to provide important updates specifically related to construction activities, including timelines, work hours, construction worker parking locations, and any temporary changes to pedestrian and vehicular access around the site. To view the project materials and presentation, and watch the meeting recording, [visit the George Mason Modernization webpage](#).

### 1703 N. Beauregard Swing Space



The final punch list walk has been completed, and the contractor is finishing the remaining punch list items. Storefront installation is 15% complete. Relocation from the old George Mason campus to the swing space is 100% complete. Exterior site work is approximately 95% complete, and graphics and signage are 85% complete. All furniture has been delivered and installed, with a few pieces still pending. Staff have completed all system trainings, and the building is fully prepared to welcome students for the new school year!

## The High School Project: Minnie Howard Redevelopment



**New Campus:** Playground shade structures are partially installed; one remaining piece is pending delivery from the manufacturer. Completion is anticipated before the end of summer. All other work is considered complete or is being addressed through warranty visits.

**Former Campus (Phase II- Athletic Fields):** Grading on the east side of the site is nearing completion. Concrete work, including areas such as the fire lane, is nearing completion as well. Light pole base installation will be finished the first week of August. Field and basketball fencing is complete, and all guardrails will be installed by mid-August. Tennis court paving has been completed and is currently in the curing phase. Paving at the basketball court and parking lot is also scheduled for completion mid-August. Field turf installation will continue throughout the month. Some landscaping will be deferred to the fall planting season to ensure optimal growing conditions and long-term health. All work remains weather-dependent, and schedules may be adjusted as needed to accommodate weather conditions.

## 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. The auditorium space is available for general use, however, the current A/V system is inoperable and remains unavailable for use for all auditorium activities until

further notice.

- Stadium Seating Improvement Project - design options are currently under review.
- Cistern Improvements - the team is coordinating with an engineer to 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 has been rescheduled to Winter 2025.

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

- Security vestibule upgrades are complete.
- Existing walk-off mat replacements at doors two and eight are now complete.
- The existing walk-off mat at door seven will be replaced with a full-carpeted mat this month.

#### **Charles Barrett Elementary School**

- First floor, main corridor luxury vinyl tile (LVT) installation is complete.

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

- The two glazed structures in the school cafeteria have been installed and put into operation.

#### **George Washington Middle School**

- Two chillers have been installed, commissioned and are ready for use.
- Ceiling and equipment installation work in the new *Immersive Classroom* is now complete. The remaining black-out window shade work will be completed this month.

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

- The re-paving and stormwater management (SWM) improvement project has been rescheduled to Summer 2026.

#### **John Adams Elementary School**

- Interior luxury vinyl tile (LVT) flooring installation for identified classrooms has been completed.

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

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

#### **Mount Vernon Community School**

- Interior luxury vinyl tile (LVT) flooring installation for identified classrooms has been completed.

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

- The media center renovation project is in progress with an estimated September 2025 completion. Work includes new bookshelves, furniture, sound baffles, carpeting, and luxury vinyl tile (LVT) flooring throughout.
- The Phase 2 window replacement project is complete.

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

- The washer/dryer is currently being installed and will be complete this month.
- Classroom luxury vinyl tile (LVT) flooring installation for six identified classrooms has been completed.

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, career and community. Visit us on the web at [www.acps.k12.va.us](http://www.acps.k12.va.us) and follow us on X ([Twitter](#)), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).