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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.



We were excited to see so many smiling faces returning for the start of the new school year! George Mason students and staff have successfully moved into their temporary home and are settling in while we continue the journey toward their new modernized school building. Phase II of the Minnie Howard redevelopment is also nearing completion, paving the way for new athletic fields and courts. With so many exciting projects coming to life, this school year is full of new opportunities for our students and staff to learn, grow, and explore!

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 September 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



Abatement work is nearly complete, with final activities expected to wrap up in early September. The

City is reviewing the Final Site Plan (FSP) approvals and building permits, which are moving through the approval process. The team is also working with Dominion Power to disconnect existing utilities and establish temporary power for the site. Once this step is complete, demolition of the building can begin following permit approval.

1703 N. Beauregard Swing Space



The swing space project is now complete, and George Mason students and staff have officially begun the school year in their temporary building. The final punch list walkthrough has been completed, and the contractor is addressing the remaining items during non-school hours to avoid disruption.

The High School Project: Minnie Howard Redevelopment



New Campus: All punchlist work at the new campus is complete!

Former Campus (Phase II- Athletic Fields): Work on the fire lane and bus loop was completed prior to the start of school. Remaining activities are anticipated to be substantially complete by the end of the month. These include concrete work around the field areas, installation of fencing for the fields and basketball courts, paving and striping of the tennis courts, installation of field turf, and select areas of seeding and sodding. Additional landscaping and sod installation will take place beginning in late September to align with the fall planting season. All work is weather-dependent, and schedules may be adjusted as needed to account for weather conditions. Punch list walkthroughs for phase II work have been scheduled with all partners.

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

- Rental auditorium audio/visual (A/V) equipment has been installed for school year 2025-26. The permanent equipment upgrades will be made in summer 2026.
- An engineer has assessed the current cistern system and is coordinating with ACPS to revise 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 which will determine the project's timeline for completion of the work.
- Kitchen refrigerator compressor replacement has been rescheduled for winter 2025.
- The *Stadium Seating Improvement Project* has been rescheduled for summer 2026. Bleacher repairs will take place on an as-needed basis until the replacement project begins.

Alexandria City High School - Minnie Howard Campus

- The existing walk-off mat at Door 7 was replaced with a full-carpeted mat and the project is now complete.

Francis C. Hammond Middle School

- The School Gardens team has successfully installed several planter beds in the smaller courtyard. Students and staff will maintain the garden throughout the year as part of the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) curriculum.

George Washington Middle School

- The *Immersive Classroom* upgrade project is now complete with newly installed technology, black ceiling tiles, and black-out shades.

Naomi L. Brooks Elementary School

- The media center renovation project is in progress with completion anticipated for the end of September. Work includes new bookshelves, furniture, sound baffles, and carpeting throughout.

Samuel W. Tucker Elementary School

- The washer/dryer is installed and fully connected.

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 and follow us on X ([Twitter](#)), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).