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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 efforts.



How a School Is Built...

We have exciting work happening at George Mason Elementary School (George Mason), and we want to give the community insight on how these new modernized facilities come together. Before classrooms, hallways and learning spaces take shape, every school starts with a strong foundation. The current phase of construction at George Mason focuses on preparing the site and building the footings and foundations that support the entire structure. While it may not look exciting at first, this work is critical to ensuring the building is safe, durable and built to last for decades. Over the next few months, the community may notice increased activity on site as crews complete this essential early stage of construction.

For families interested in learning more about how buildings come together, this short, family-friendly video from PBS offers a helpful overview of the construction process:

<https://youtu.be/y9SWPRIKFng>.

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 February 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



Building demolition is complete, and all debris has been removed from the site. Site preparation will begin this month and will include sediment basin construction, erosion and sediment control measures, and demolition of existing site utilities. Deliveries of materials associated with this work will be ongoing. Coordination with Dominion Energy for temporary power is still underway. Underground utility work is anticipated to begin this month and will continue for several weeks. Building coordination and submittals are ongoing and will continue throughout the duration of the project. All work remains weather dependent.

The Office of Capital Programs will host its next virtual community meeting in Spring 2026 to provide a construction update to the community. Meeting details will be shared closer to the event date.

To stay informed about the George Mason modernization project and receive the latest construction updates, visit the [George Mason Modernization webpage](#).

FACILITY UPGRADES & MAINTENANCE 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. Facility Upgrades & Maintenance updates can also be found on the [Non-Capacity Projects Overview](#) webpage.

John Adams Elementary School

- Early Childhood Center - Painting work in the gym is complete.

Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) serves more than 15,900 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](#).