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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.



Thank You for a Great Year!

As we wrap up another successful school year, I want to thank our students, families, staff and community members for their continued support of our capital improvement efforts.

One of the highlights of this year has been watching the progress at the George Mason Elementary School project site. This spring, the Capital Programs team reached an exciting milestone with the start of steel erection. Throughout the summer, community members will begin to see the building take shape as the structure rises above the site and the vision for the future school becomes increasingly visible.



On behalf of the Capital Programs team, I wish everyone a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer break. Thank you for your ongoing support as we continue building spaces that will serve generations of ACPS students. 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 June 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 Elementary School Modernization Project



Structural steel erection has begun. Foundation walls and footings are nearing completion, along with slab on grade concrete pours. Underground mechanical, electrical and plumbing work is ongoing and will continue as the building frame takes shape.

Construction of the mock-up is underway. The brick portion has been reviewed by Alexandria City, and the completed mock-up will undergo a full review once complete. Pest control measures remain in place and are maintained monthly. Building coordination activities and submittal reviews are ongoing and will continue throughout the project.

Recent weather conditions have required contractors to make up scheduled workdays on Saturdays. All Saturday work will comply with city-approved construction hours. All work remains weather dependent and schedules may be altered based on working conditions.

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.

Elementary Schools

Charles Barrett

- Flooring project: Replace old carpet in identified classrooms and offices and install new luxury vinyl tile (LVT) flooring.
- Garden refresh: Complete landscaping improvements to remove diseased plants and old planter beds and encourage spring and summer blooms in support of the ACPS gardening program.

Cora Kelly School for Math, Science and Technology

- Garden refresh: Complete landscaping improvements to remove diseased plants, weeds and trash and encourage spring and summer blooms in support of the ACPS gardening program.
- Storefront assessment: Structural engineers will review and evaluate the damaged storefront, resulting from a prior earthquake, to determine next steps for repairs.

Douglas MacArthur

- Playground structure repairs: Complete repairs to playground structures to enhance equipment safety.
- New bike racks: Begin coordination efforts with the city and community to install additional exterior bike racks.

Ferdinand T. Day

- Painting: Life-cycle painting of hallways and stairwells.

James K. Polk

- Painting: Life-cycle painting of classrooms, hallways and stairwells for upper grade levels.
- Outdoor learning space: Install additional seating for the outdoor learning area.
- Courtyard stair repair: Repair the failing courtyard staircase by replacing wood materials with a more durable exterior material.

John Adams and Early Childhood Center

- Auxiliary gym renovations: Complete repairs and upgrades to enhance safety and support programmatic needs, including partial removal of the rock-climbing wall, wall repairs, painting and new floor markings.
- Playground fencing: Install the remaining fencing around the Early Childhood Center playground.
- Painting: Life-cycle painting of Stairwell A.
- Office reconfiguration: Reconfigure the shared principal's office space to create separation between office space and a student pullout area.

Lyles Crouch Traditional Academy

- Generator: Install a new generator for the school.
- Exterior playground and parking lot study: Civil engineers will study the play areas, field and parking lot to address stormwater needs and improve pedestrian and vehicle safety.

Mount Vernon Community School

- Flooring project: Replace old carpet in identified classrooms and offices and install new LVT flooring.
- Furniture upgrades: Replace administrative office furniture with furnishings that support a more productive and collaborative leadership environment.
- Paving repair: Repair eroded concrete areas near the playground.

Naomi L. Brooks

- Flooring project: Replace old carpet in identified classrooms and offices and install new LVT flooring.
- Painting: Life-cycle painting of hallways.

Samuel W. Tucker

- Flooring project: Replace old carpet in identified classrooms and offices and install new LVT flooring.

William Ramsay

- Flooring project: Replace old carpet in identified classrooms and offices and install new LVT flooring.

Middle Schools

Francis C. Hammond

- Flooring project: Replace old carpet in identified classrooms and offices and install new LVT flooring.
- Auditorium stage repairs: Investigate buckling stage flooring and repair or replace it based on findings.
- Courtyard drainage project: Civil engineers will study the courtyard stormwater runoff system to address recurring flooding and weatherproofing failures.
- Flooding stairwell investigation: Civil engineers will investigate a frequently flooded stairwell to identify the source of water intrusion.

George Washington

- Painting: Life-cycle painting of classrooms throughout the building.
- Classroom renovations and reconfigurations: Renovate and reconfigure several career and technical education classrooms to better support academic and programmatic needs.
- Fire alarm upgrades: Install a new Simplex fire alarm system and replace the existing control panel.

K-8 Schools

Jefferson-Houston

- Painting: Life-cycle painting of classrooms.

Patrick Henry

- Marquee upgrade: Install a new electronic message board within the existing signage structure.

Alexandria City High School

King Street Campus

- Phase 2 cistern project: Complete repairs to the cistern and associated water supply equipment and controls. Work is scheduled to begin in June and be completed in August.
- Classroom renovations and reconfigurations: Renovate and reconfigure several classrooms to better support academic and programmatic needs.
- Weight room renovation: Create an opening between adjoining weight rooms to improve functionality and the overall athletic experience.

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](#).