

**BOARD MEMO**

Date: September 17, 2020  
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**FROM:** Dr. Alicia J. Hart, PMP, Acting Executive Director of Facilities and Operations

**THROUGH:** Stephen M. Wilkins, Ed.D., Chief of Staff  
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**TO:** The Honorable Cindy Anderson, Chair, and  
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

**TOPIC:** Summer Projects Facilities Update

**ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:**

- Goal 1: Systemic Alignment
- Goal 3: Student Accessibility and Support
- Goal 4: Strategic Resource Allocation

**SY 2020-2021 FOCUS AREA:**

Focus Area 3: Strategic Plan Implementation

**FY 2021 BUDGET PRIORITY:**

Facilities Audit Implementation  
Improving Customer Relationship Services and Management

**SUMMARY:**

This board memo provides an update on summer project progress for three offices within the Department of Facilities and Operations:

**Office of Capital Programs, Planning and Design**

- Douglas MacArthur at Taney Avenue: Interior renovation reached substantial completion; interior updates include a new gymnasium, HVAC repairs and new paint throughout the facility. The exterior renovation is nearing completion, with a new parking lot and bus loop installed as well as upgrades to sidewalks and entrances. Lastly, all items have been moved from the former space into this facility.
- New Douglas MacArthur: Design development phase has been finalized and approved for hearing. Community engagement continued, to include advisory committee meetings, a community feedback event, a community meeting and a school team meeting. Cost estimating and value management activities are ongoing. Net-zero energy charrettes have also been completed.
- The High School Project: Formal update presentation will be provided during September 17, 2020 School Board meeting.

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### Office of Educational Facilities

- Building Systems Projects: There were a number of roof and HVAC replacement/repair activities that were initiated and commenced over the summer. Some of the projects were total replacements; others were updates and major repairs to specific pieces of equipment. Schools where building systems projects were initiated over the past summer include Francis C. Hammond, George Washington, John Adams, Matthew Maury, Mount Vernon and William Ramsay.
- Flooring Replacement Projects: As flooring ages, we are making a concerted effort to remediate asbestos containing materials and layers of old flooring. We are replacing flooring with Luxury Vinyl Tile (LVT) or updated carpet. The benefit of utilizing LVT is longevity of material as well as a reduction of labor time devoted to stripping and waxing. A number of facilities have had flooring replaced over the past few months to include Cora Kelly, Francis C. Hammond, George Washington, Lyles Crouch, and William Ramsay.
- Notable Projects: There are a few notable projects to highlight as part of this update:
  - TC Williams Stadium: Phase I of the project commenced in late August 2020. Construction is ongoing, with an anticipated completion in Spring 2021. Updates will be provided via the webpage on a regular basis.
  - Cora Kelly and John Adams Kitchen and Servedy Upgrades: The kitchen and servedy areas at both Cora Kelly and John Adams have undergone a renovation over the past summer. The goal of the renovations was to improve flow for meal service, replace antiquated kitchen equipment and improve aesthetics of the spaces.
  - Ferdinand T. Day Elevated Gymnasium: Construction on the elevated gymnasium began in late July 2020 and is ongoing. Anticipated completion for the elevated gymnasium is Spring 2021.

### Office of Maintenance and Custodial Services

- Summer Cleaning: Cleaning activities continued throughout the summer months. The custodial team members worked in an orchestrated manner to achieve three components of cleaning to include routine cleaning, enhanced cleaning, and deep cleaning. Cleaning measures included an increase to the frequency of cleaning and disinfecting high touch surfaces and areas, as modified facility use continues at this time.

The noted offices will ensure regular updates are posted to their respective webpages.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Department of Facilities and Operations is responsible for all educational facilities within ACPS. Facility construction, projects and maintenance are accomplished through three offices within the Department. The Offices of Capital Programs, Planning and Design and Educational Facilities plans and executes new construction, renovation and reconfiguration projects. The Office of Maintenance and Custodial Services completes smaller maintenance repairs and

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projects and manages custodial activities. Project status updates are provided to the School Board on a regular basis and/or as requested.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board review the Summer Projects Facilities Update board memo and presentation.

### **IMPACT:**

Modernizing and maintaining facilities improves the overall educational experience for students, protects facility investments and contributes to the strategic plan for the Department of Facilities and Operations and ACPS.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Summer Projects Facilities Update Presentation

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