



Alexandria City Public Schools

Douglas MacArthur Modernization Project

School Board Meeting
January 6, 2022





Essential Questions

1. What is the project background and original anticipated timeline for completion?
2. What is the updated and final date for substantial completion?
3. What factors contributed to the amendments made in the final contract?
4. Where are we in the construction process?
5. How can the community stay updated on the Douglas MacArthur project?



Project Background

- Decision by the School Board on April 4, 2019 to use the old Patrick Henry building as swing space to advance the Douglas MacArthur Elementary School modernization
- ACPS pursued renovation of the swing space (Douglas MacArthur at Taney Avenue) and design of the new Douglas MacArthur
- After extensive stakeholder engagement, the School Board selected the “Forest” concept for the new design
- Demolition of the old Douglas MacArthur building began in March 2021, and construction of the new Douglas MacArthur building is underway



2019

2020

2021

2022

2023

Demolition of the old rec center

Prepare Swing Space

Construction of the new Douglas MacArthur

Demolition of PH/Installation of Parking and Fields

* Douglas MacArthur students attend Swing Space (old PH)

Spring
2019

Fall
2019

Spring
2020

Fall
2020

Winter
2023

Fall
2023

School Board Approves Swing Space Plan

City Council reviews Swing Space design

City Council reviews new MacArthur design

DM students begin first year at PH

New Douglas MacArthur building opens

New Patrick Henry fields and parking lot open





Substantial Completion Update

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the beneficial occupancy date for the Douglas MacArthur project is now **July 2023**. Students will not occupy the new Douglas MacArthur until the start of the school year in **August 2023**.





Factors Contributing to New Substantial Completion Date

- The Covid-19 Pandemic has had a national impact on the construction industry; not unique to ACPS
 - Material delays due to production challenges (*i.e. steel*)
 - Increase in construction work, limiting competition and bid submissions
 - Related design adjustments

2019

2020

2021

2022

2023

2024

Prepare Swing Space

DM *
Permitting

Construction of the new Douglas MacArthur *

Finalization of
Patrick Henry

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August
2023

By Fall
2024

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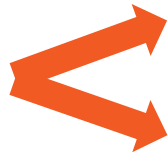
Near Term Construction Activities

- Sidewalk Closure & Utility Work
- Ongoing Concrete Pouring
- Ongoing Geothermal Well Installation

Construction updates are shared every two weeks via the [Douglas MacArthur Modernization Project Page](#)



Project Updates



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