

BOARD BRIEF

Date: October 19, 2018

For ACTION: _____
For INFORMATION: X
Board Agenda: Yes _____
 No X

FROM: Mignon R. Anthony, Chief Operating Officer

THROUGH: Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr. Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

TO: The Honorable Ramee A. Gentry, Chair, and Members of the Alexandria City School Board

TOPIC: **George Washington Cafeteria Project**

Summary:

The major cafeteria and kitchen renovation at George Washington Middle School is entering its final stage. The work has taken slightly longer than anticipated because the builder encountered a number of significant surprises during construction. These “unforeseen conditions” required the cafeteria project to pause several times, to redesign and reconfigure our plans, develop work-arounds and obtain modified permits and inspections. The great news is that these disruptions were only temporary and the old GW cafeteria will re-open very soon as a sleek, new and modern dining ‘cafe’. We look forward to a new name from students in time for the grand opening.

Educational Facilities Project Manager John Finnegan has closely managed our contractor, Keller Group during their diligent construction and delivery of a design by Cole and Denny Architects. The process included student input and was closely coordinated by Lucy Ruetiman of the Office of School Nutrition Services.

Features of the new GW Cafe’ include a completely reconstructed and modernized kitchen with new antibacterial flooring and major upgrades to plumbing and greatly upgraded air circulation system to meet new building codes; new kitchen equipment; newly fabricated food servery tables; a facelift to walls, lighting and window coverings; bright new flooring; handsome, multi-level furniture styles; and colorful wall graphics and new signage.

Schedule:

- 10/15 - 10/30 - final construction, equipment installation and testing
- 10/31 - 11/5 - city and health dept (food service) inspections
- 11/5 - 11/10 - furniture, wall art, window coverings and signage installations
- 11/12 - Grand Opening

RECOMMENDATION: N/A

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