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**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:** Update Mount Vernon Community Meeting 12-17-18

**BACKGROUND:** ACPS Operations department provided a community debrief on the current project status and next steps for the Mount Vernon Elementary School. Targeted repairs were developed from the conditions assessment on structural, mechanical and environmental conditions completed by consultants. Also, the newly renovated north and south side playground project schedule was shared during the community meeting.

The Chief Operating Officer, Director of Procurement and the Director of Educational Facilities provided an update that listed the following improvements and next steps:

#### **Phase I**

- A revision to roof replacement schedule has been developed to accommodate school testing. The project schedule is as follows: March 2019 to July 2019;
- Roof repairs to areas requiring immediate attention will continue on an as needed basis;
- Repairs to date were enumerated including; numerous chill water pipes replacements, fan coil insulation, interior wall vapor barrier installation, masonry and flashing repoint on exterior walls, window repairs, etc.;
- Investigative survey was conducted with imaging (camera) technology on storm water (underneath the auditorium), roof drainage systems and interior and exterior walls;
- Mold remediation was completed on the auditorium. Per final inspection by the industrial hygienist, the auditorium is expected to re-open in February 2019;
- Mold/asbestos remediation on room 120 was completed. Per final inspection by the industrial hygienist, the room is scheduled to re-open in early, January 2019.

#### **Phase II**

- Roof replacement August 2019 to October 2019

#### **Mount Vernon Playground Projects North & South Sides**

- Spring 2019 is the schedule delivery date of the South playground. The following points were made to address the delays on this project:

- a) The contractor's performance was problematic however time to notify them, time for them to respond and time to correct their performance was responsible for some of the delay
- b) Unanticipated conditions (rain, site problems - finding 7" of asphalt over a concrete bed) and November rains exacerbated the time delay.
- c) Contractor was issued a notice to cure (take corrective action, meet the schedule) versus a new procurement.
- d) Contractor replaced the playground work crew
- e) Although the majority of the work will look complete at the end of January, the Principal and team determined that the temporary landscaped area will not be safe and therefore, have determined not to open the playground until the temperature rises and the permanent base can be laid
- f) An alternate recess plan was described by the Principal

### **Next Steps**

ACPS offered parent advocacy under two options

- Facilities Community Advisory Group (ACPS wide on facilities concerns) – To be formed
- Parent Task Force that would operate under the auspices of PTA
- Next PTA update January 2019 - looking for a date

Other announcements

- No summer school and summer programs will be held at Mount Vernon next summer
- K-Prep and Summer Language Academy – we need to find a location and provide transportation

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**ATTACHMENTS:** Mount Vernon Community School Briefing for Staff & Community December 17, 2018 Power Point Presentation