

## BOARD BRIEF

Date: February 7, 2020

BOARD INFORMATION:     X    

MEETING PREPARATION:                     

**FROM:** Dr. Alicia J. Hart, Director of Educational Facilities  
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**THROUGH:** Mignon R. Anthony, Chief of Operations, and  
Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

**TO:** The Honorable Cindy Anderson, Chair, and  
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

**TOPIC:** Ferdinand T. Day Elevated Gymnasium Project, Upcoming Events

### ACPS 2020 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Goal 2: Family and Community Engagement  
Goal 4: Facilities and the Learning Environment  
Goal 5: Health and Wellness

### SY 2019-2020 FOCUS AREA:

Focus Area 5: Strategic Plan

### FY 2020 BUDGET PRIORITY:

Communications and Customer Service for External Stakeholders  
Physical Education/Fitness

### SUMMARY:

In Fiscal Year 2019, the School Board and City Council approved \$4.6 million in the Capital Improvement Project budget for Phase II of the Ferdinand T. Day project; additional funding of \$496,741 has been requested in FY2021 to address escalation costs associated with the project. Phase II of the project is the construction of an elevated gymnasium. The addition of the elevated gym will:

- Provide a larger gym than current physical activity space that meets educational specifications
- Add a new stage which will serve the entire school and community events
- Provide a permanent enclosed connection between the school and playground
- Add more storage space for the gym, stage and school
- Achieve a new gym addition design within the existing context

Construction is slated to begin in the summer of 2020 with a completion date of spring 2021. A logistics plan is currently being developed in close coordination with the City and our neighbors at ASCD due to the Goddard project that is currently underway.

### Upcoming Meetings and Engagement Events

The following activities will occur in the coming weeks:

- Community Meeting #2  
Date: Wednesday 02/19/2020

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Time: 6:30 PM – 7:30PM

Location: Ferdinand T. Day Elementary School, Multipurpose Room

Agenda: Project Schedule | Design Update | Site Logistics During Construction

- Planning Commission Hearing  
Date: Tuesday 03/03/2020  
Time: Starts at 7:00 PM  
Location: 301 King St., Room 2400, Alexandria, VA 22314  
RE: FTD Elevated Gym DSUP Amendment Hearing
- City Council Hearing  
Date: Tuesday 03/14/2020  
Time: Starts at 9:30 AM  
Location: 301 King St., Room 2400, Alexandria, VA 22314  
RE: FTD Elevated Gym DSUP Amendment Hearing

### BACKGROUND:

ACPS opened Ferdinand T. Day Elementary School in August 2018. During Phase I of the project, an existing office building was retrofitted into a dynamic education space for 650 students.

Phase II includes an addition of a gym to use for physical education and as an auditorium. This space was not part of the first phase of the design due to the height and space limitations of the original facility.

Physical education is currently held in the physical activities space. In addition, a play space was created on the roof of an adjoining parking lot connected to the school with a bridge on the third floor.

It was determined before doors opened to students that a gymnasium project that would complete the school would be designed and phased in after the school opened. A study determined the best place for a new gym would be between the parking lot and the school building. In order to allow for safe student drop-off and pick-up, as well as maintain deliveries and trash collection, the gymnasium will need to be elevated along the third floor of the school building.

### RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board review the update on Phase II of the Ferdinand T. Day project (elevated gymnasium).

### ATTACHMENTS:

None

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