

BOARD BRIEF

Date: March 22, 2019

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Board Agenda: Yes _____

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THROUGH: Mignon R. Anthony, Chief Operating Officer
Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

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

TOPIC: Update on George Washington Middle School - Kitchen and Cafeteria Project

SUMMARY: The George Washington (GW) kitchen and cafeteria renovation project is a School Nutrition Service Surplus Funded project that received a construction contract approval to start during the summer break of the 2018 school year. CIP funding was added to the project to support the needed infrastructure improvements. In late January 2019, the School Board approved additional monies to supplement the project due to unforeseen conditions and additional design enhancements from School Nutrition Services.

This update provides a status on activities since the budgetary approval to achieve project completion and a fully upgraded kitchen for operational use.

BACKGROUND: The kitchen and cafeteria project for George Washington Middle School consists of a full cafeteria remodeling including ceiling and flooring replacements, new furniture to match the interior design theme; as well as, kitchen upgrades that include new equipment and exhaust system, and construction of food storage and administrative support spaces.

Various unforeseen conditions have been addressed through the additional funding allocation. Extra lental support for structural masonry wall openings, new electrical conduit, additional piping valves/ connections have been completed. Design enhancements (new gas line, building of equipment wall to screen equipment connections / piping, etc.) have also been designed and most have been constructed. While the facility is fully functional, two replacement items are awaiting lead-time fabrication and will be implemented on off-hours and tracked through the punch list over the next few weeks.

The City of Alexandria Health Department conducted an inspection of the kitchen and servery on 3/18/19. The facility passed inspection to allow usage of the servery, the walk-in cooler, walk-in freezer, all warming cabinets, hot wells and all refrigeration units. The staff was allowed to set up the servery area, stock the cabinets, etc. The staff will continue to set-up the kitchen and the Health Department inspector will return on 3/25/19 to check status and issue final approval.

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RECOMMENDATION: The Superintendent recommends the School Board review this brief.

IMPACT: The GW kitchen and cafeteria are now functional and will be fully operational upon final approval from the Health Department inspection on 3/25/2019.

ATTACHMENTS: None

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