Drew-Freeman Middle

School Factsheet



AT A GLANCE

General

- This 2-story, modern building was designed to provide a stimulating environment to enhance learning for students. A healthy and secure environment was core to the overall design of the building.
- The front entrance features a secure vestibule for entering the building, with the ground floor containing the 6th grade academic wing, classrooms, labs, administrative offices, nursing, and student support functions. The lower level also houses security, media center, indoor gymnasium and locker rooms, performance stage, cafeteria and servery, music, band and dance rooms, loading dock and mechanical/electrical rooms.
- The second story houses the classrooms, science and computer labs, and art rooms for the 7th and 8th grades
- New bus and car entryways, parking lot, new landscaping, and multipurpose athletic fields
- The site is designed to accommodate outdoor learning and play activities. Instructional areas offer an opportunity to learn about environmental features around the site.
- Ball fields, playground equipment and landscaping feature native plants to enhance the built environment

Of the total funding for the 6-school Blueprint Schools Phase 1 Project, \$134 million, or 33%, went to Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs), exceeding the MBE requirement





ADDRESS

2600 Brooks Dr, Suitland, MD 20746

NEIGHBORHOOD

Suitland-Silver Hill

PRINCIPAL

Natasha Kyler

PROJECT TYPE

New Build

PROJECT BUDGET

\$67.0 Million

PROJECT FINANCING

The development team, Prince George's County Education & Community Partners PGCECP (Fengate, Gilbane, Stantec, and Honeywell) will receive payments, over 30 years, to design and build six schools to Prince George's County Public Schools' specifications as well as assume maintenance of the buildings throughout the contract period. This alternative construction finance program saves approximately \$235.9 M in deferred maintenance costs.

TOTAL SQUARE FOOTAGE 144,000 SF

TOTAL BUILDING CAPACITY
1.200

GRADE CONFIGURATION

6-8





Technology

- Science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) labs featuring 3-D printers, etchers, robotics
- Video production studio include audio and video mixers, studio cameras, track lighting, podcasting kits, and IPTV Tricast systems which allow the schools the ability to broadcast not just locally but also regionally to other PGC schools.
- Each learning studio (classroom, lab, resource room, conference room) features wireless connectivity and is equipped with multimedia interactive 75" Smart MX275-V3 display boards. Sound systems in the classrooms provide enhanced audio for students as

- well as a separate system for the hearing impaired.
- Gymnatoriums include sound and lighting mixers for stage performances and enhanced stage equipment
- Art Rooms include daylighting sensors that dim interior lights based on exterior conditions, as well as kiln rooms for on-site ceramic activities.
- Outdoor classrooms with wifi connectivity and power receptacles for outdoor learning
- School-wide IPTV system utilizing MediaCast, an open and interoperable digital content management and video streaming system

Environmental/Security

- Designed to meet LEED Silver Equivalent
- Solar and electric vehicle (EV) charging ready, with solar installation anticipated by Fall 2024
- Tubular skylights increase natural daylight (benefits include improved mood and ability to focus)
- Elevators with live stream audio/video emergency call out systems (some of the first available in Maryland)
- Specialized walls and windows reduce ambient (external) noise and day lighting allows for brighter environments through larger windows and special lighting controls; windows are distributed to spread daylight deep into the classrooms
- Heating and Cooling controls allow for constant stateof-the-art comfort with special features on CO2 level monitoring

- The HVAC system includes MERV 14 filtration and UV Light Sterilization systems to prevent the spread of virus especially in high occupancy areas like restrooms
- Energy Monitoring dashboards that provide realtime energy data for natural gas, water, and electric consumption
- Safety of children is paramount, with wide halls, secure
 access, security cameras, clear sight lines and more
 windows adding to the safety of the environment. Cars
 and buses are separate creating an added level of
 security

