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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Over the past three years, Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) has taken an aggressive approach to addressing the need for new, modernized school facilities across the County. The Blueprint Schools Program (the Program) was created and implemented with an overarching purpose: to provide 21st-Century School facilities, as quickly as possible, for as many Prince George's County Public Schools students as possible. The Program has demonstrated what is possible when all levels of government come together to implement an approach that utilizes public sector expertise combined with private sector rigor, accountability, and innovation. The Program has delivered six (6) dynamic and vibrant schools to communities throughout the County that, under our traditional Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) approach, would have taken over 16 years to complete.

Several lessons learned will be applied to future Blueprint Schools design and construction projects to ensure we continue the momentum gained during this process, including:

- Design adaptable and dynamic learning environments that can accommodate ever-evolving academic programs;
- Utilize innovative approaches to lower the cost of ownership over the life of the facilities;
- Incorporate sustainability practices into the design and construction process in adherence with PGCPS' Climate Change Action Plan;
- Broaden community outreach to include not only the school community, but the surrounding community-at-large;
- Continue to view the school facilities as more than just an academic hub but also a community gathering place/community center;
- Continue to develop adaptive, performance-based educational specifications for each school; and
- Exercise diligence in the feasibility and development phase of the design process to ensure incorporation of all aspects of dynamic school design.

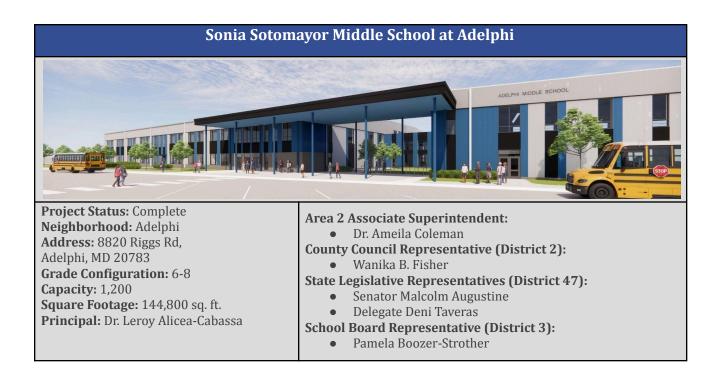
Now, we enter the next phase of the Program, the Services Period, a process that will be organic, requiring us to continue to refine our asset management approach with a goal of preserving the assets for future generations. This approach to asset management and life-cycle maintenance will allow PGCPS to utilize industry best practices to serve as the foundation for the revision of our internal life-cycle maintenance program.

We are incredibly excited about the road ahead.

Jason Washington Associate Superintendent of Supporting Services

Shawn Matlock Director, Office of Alternative Infrastructure Planning and Development **PROJECT PROFILES**







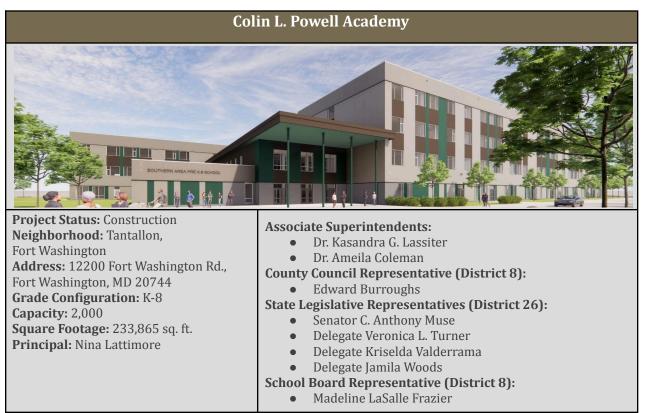


PROJECT PROFILES (continued)





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Project Status: Construction Neighborhood: Walker Mill Address: 800 Karen Blvd., Capital Heights, MD 20743 Grade Configuration: 6-8 Capacity: 1,200 Square Footage: 144,800 sq. ft. Principal: Erin Cribbs	Associate Superintendent: • Dr. Ameila Coleman County Council Representative (District 6): • Wala Blegay, Vice-Chair State Legislative Representatives (District 25): • Senator Melony Griffith • Delegate Nick Charles • Delegate Karen R. Toles School Board Rep (District 6): • Branndon D. Jackson
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PROGRAM PROGRESS

Construction Progress

Final construction activities for Colin L. Powell Academy and Phase II of Walker Mill Middle School, consisting of the demolition of the old school building and the construction of the athletic fields, are still ongoing. Colin L. Powell Academy was officially opened for students and staff in November, marking the substantial completion of Phase I of the Program. Punch list work and the installation of murals at all six schools are currently being carried out by Gilbane.

Construction Updates by Site

Colin L. Powell Academy (formerly Southern K-8)



Work in Progress

- Punchlist work and repairs.
- Final FF&E installations.
- HVAC commissioning activities.
- Installation of the interior permanent core.

Upcoming Activities

• Punch list work and repairs will be completed.

Walker Mill Middle School



Work in Progress

- Building Phase I punch list work and repairs.
- Building Phases II and III demolition haul out.



- ESDs 1-3 Plantings
- Beginning of final grading at the new sports fields.

Upcoming Activities

- Phase I punch list to be completed.
- Landscaping at the new sports fields to be completed.
- Mill and overlay at the existing parking lots and sidewalks to be completed.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATES

Colin L. Powell Academy Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

The Program is preparing for the grand opening of Colin L. Powell Academy in January 2024, the final opening of the first phase of schools. This event will be attended by elected officials from the state, county, city, and district levels, district and school staff, students, Program partners, and community members.

CLOSING STATEMENT

We are incredibly grateful for the overwhelming support and feedback from all stakeholders, the support from our very talented staff and dedicated partners, the dynamic and steadfast leadership of former CEO Dr. Monica Goldson who championed the Program, and Superintendent Millard House II who shepherding it through completion. For at least the next 30 years over 7,800 students will enter Blueprint Schools Phase 1 schools, annually. and most importantly learn in an environment worthy of their potential.



APPENDIX

