# **NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

#### REED SITE, ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARLINGTON COUNTY BOARD PRESENTATION

#### U-3175-07-1 USE PERMIT AMENDMENT NOVEMBER 17, 2018





## **PROJECT PARAMETERS**

- 1. Create a **new neighborhood elementary school** with an attendance zone
- 2. Support APS Strategic Plan Goals, specifically for Healthy, Safe, and Supported Students
- 3. Address capacity by providing at least 725 seats
- 4. Open by start of school 2021
- 5. Spend a maximum project cost of \$55 million, with strong direction to find opportunities to reduce costs.



APS project website: <u>https://www.apsva.us/design-and-construction/new-</u> <u>elementary-school-at-reed-building/</u>

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**Core Mission** 

## SUMMARY OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- October 2017 Joint County/School Board work session kickoff
- 12 Joint BLPC/PFRC meetings
- 2 community forums and a site walk tour
- 6 County commission meetings
- 4 School Board meetings to review/approve concept and schematic design
- Additional discussions with:
  - Adjacent neighbors
  - Retail community
  - Westover Library
  - Westover Farmers Market



## **KEY CONSIDERATIONS AND INPUTS**

- Maintain budget and schedule
- Enhance student safety and minimize vehicular impact
- Minimize footprint to preserve open space
- Preserve or enhance existing site amenities
- Improve pedestrian access and civic presence
- Provide adequate parking
- Continuity of operations for library and farmers market
- Minimize disruption to neighbors and local businesses
- Existing site topography and utilities



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## EXISTING CONDITION

#### Topography

Vast majority of site drains to a single low point

30' drop in elevation from high to low (equivalent to 2 story bldg.)

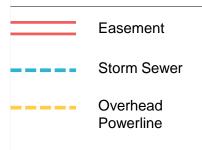
Permeability 61% permeable 39% impermeable

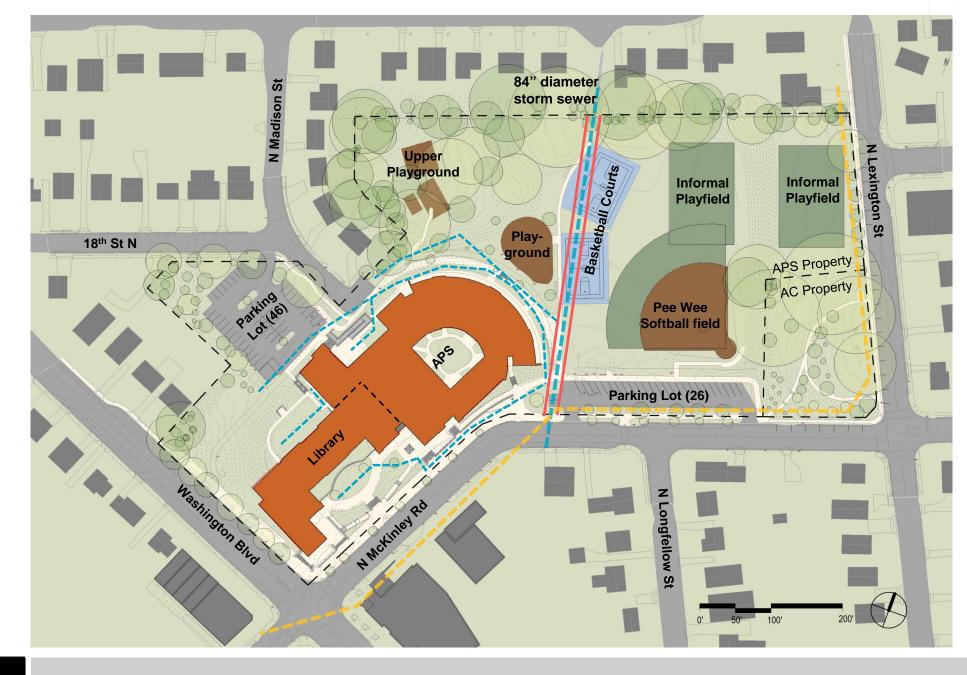
**Parking** 72 on-site spots

#### Utility key

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## SITE PLAN

A Universally accessible and prominent civic entrance courtyard

- B Preserves field and open space
- O After-hours restrooms adjacent to fields
- D New exterior courts and fire access lane
- E New playground
- F Removes existing curb cut on McKinley/18<sup>th</sup> St
  - Relocates parking lot entrance
  - No work on County property
- Trees: 159 preserved
  37 removed
  86 replaced
  (exceeds the 49 required)
- Increases impervious area by only 6%

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#### **Site Plan Features**

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## SITE PLAN

#### **Meets MMTA recommendations**

- Minimum of 124 off-street parking spaces on-site
- A Madison/18<sup>th</sup> Lot for library/school staff
- B McKinley/18<sup>th</sup> Lot for visitors and some school staff
- and some school staff
  Room for 7 school buses to load/unload
- Off-street student dropoff/pick-up area that can accommodate 30 total cars in queue
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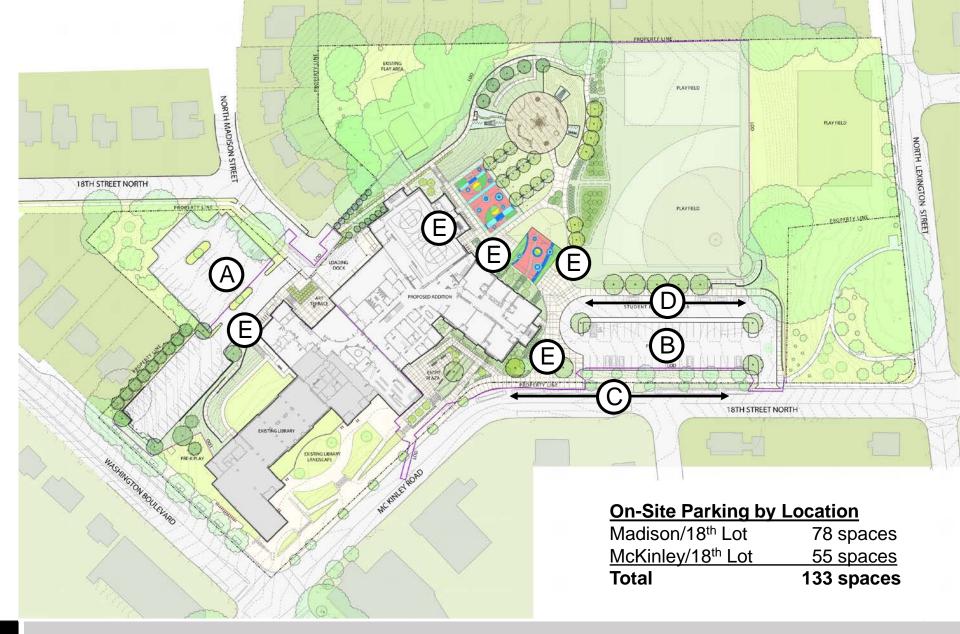
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Adequate bicycle parking for staff and students, with student parking located on multiple sides of the building

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**Multimodal Transportation Analysis (MMTA)** 

### SITE PLAN

- All entrances are fully accessible
- Public entrances oriented to McKinley/18<sup>th</sup> St
- No shared entrances or internal circulation between school & library

Main school entrance (public, bus riders, walkers)

Student entrance (car riders, walkers, bikers)

After hours gym entrance and restrooms for fields

Custodial and food service entrance

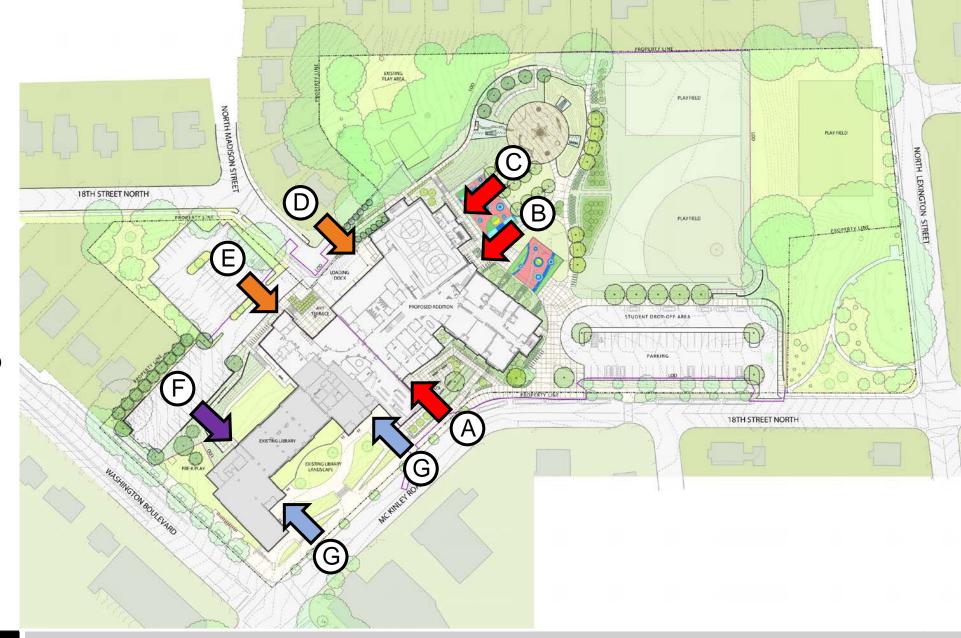
School staff entrance only

Library staff entrance (could also be public)

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Library public entrance

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#### **Building Entrances**

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## EXISTING CONDITION

Existing sidewalk connection to Washington Blvd. Nonaccessible slope of over 8.3%. Grades get steeper closer to Washington Blvd.

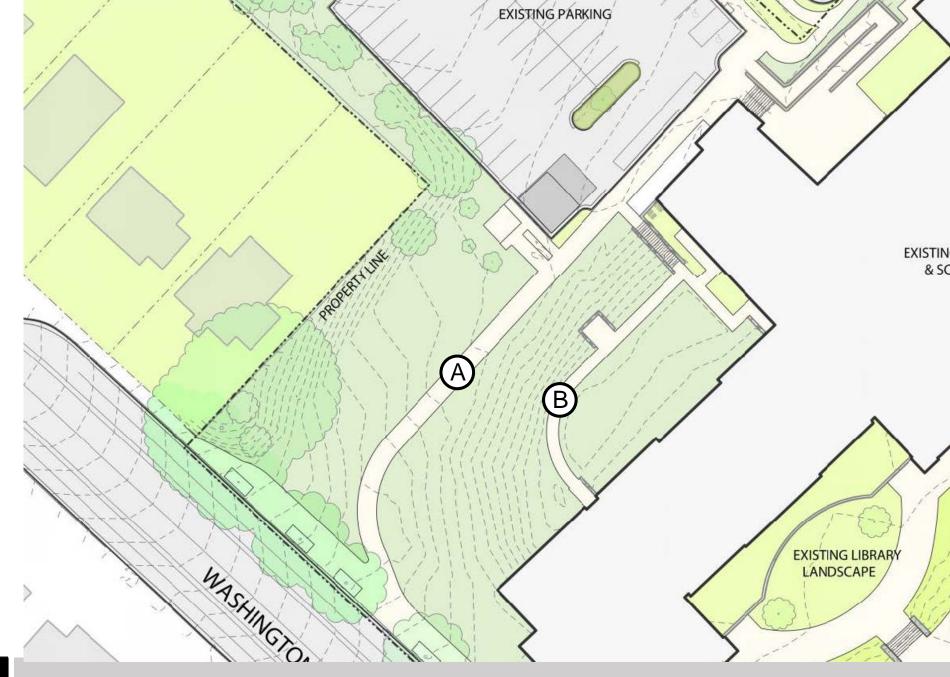
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Existing non-accessible sidewalk to library entrance.

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#### ORIGINAL SITE PLAN

Parking lot expansion (32 new spaces). Pedestrian connection to Washington Blvd. through a marked path in the parking lot. Due to the slope of the parking lot the route is not accessible.

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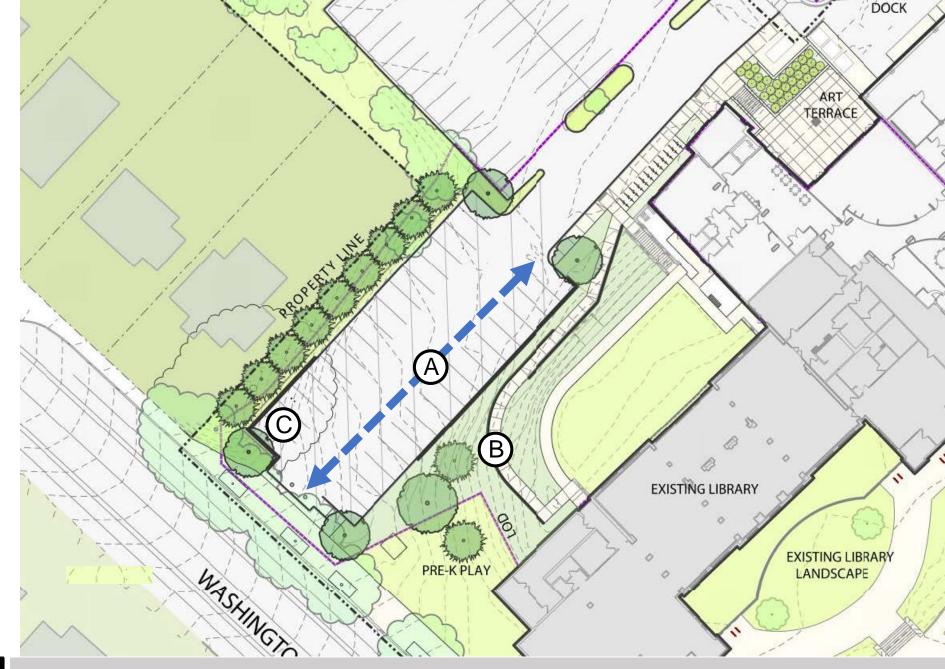
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Accessible path to library entrance.

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Significant retaining wall and regrading required in this area.

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Site Plan Enlargement Behind Westover Library

## PROPOSED SITE PLAN REVISION

- Transportation and Planning Commissions requested a separate accessible pedestrian connection to Washington Blvd.
- Revised plan reduces proposed parking in order to add the sidewalk at no increase to project cost.
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- Parking lot expansion (23 new spaces), 9 spaces less than original design.
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  - Accessible path to library entrance.
  - Separate accessible path to Washington Blvd.
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Reducing the parking lot increases amount of open space.

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**Rendering – Aerial Looking Toward School Entrance** VMDO 15



Rendering - View from 18<sup>th</sup> Street N Looking Toward School VMDO



**VMDO** Rendering – New Play Courts and Fire Access Route

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Rendering – Aerial Showing Refurbished Fields, New Play Areas, and Addition



**Rendering – View of New Playground** VMDO



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# **Building Design**





## **BUILDING DESIGN PRINCIPLES**

#### • Agility and Adaptability

Create spaces which are agile in day to day use, while being adaptable to future changes in program and learning methods

#### • Safety and Security

Promote safety through a design which enriches learning and emphasizes transparency and community

#### • Universal Design

Spaces should be accessible, understood, and useful for all

#### • Sustainability

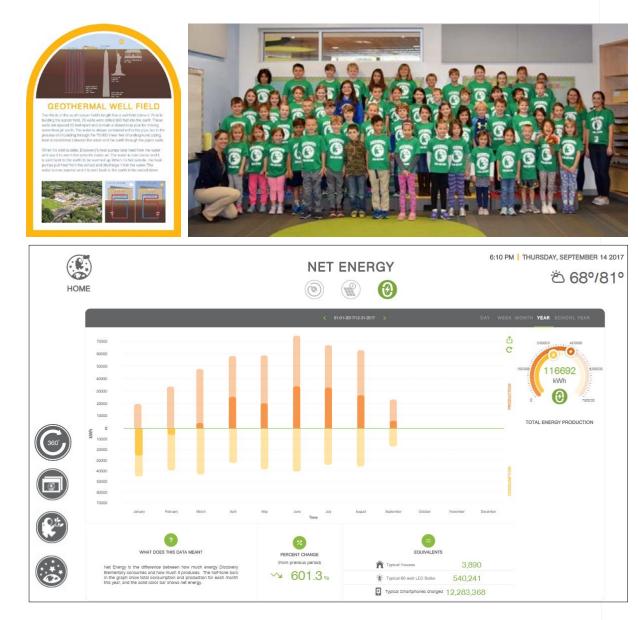
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Integrate learning, design, sustainability, and environmental stewardship so that it supports and enhances student learning and student success



## SUSTAINABILITY FEATURES

- Expected maximum Energy Use Intensity (EUI) of 21 (avg. EUI for APS elementary schools is 62)
- **High performance standards** for insulation, airtightness, equipment efficiency, and maintainability
- Designed to achieve a minimum of LEED Silver certification
- Zero-Energy ready with an option for solar photovoltaic panels provided through a Solar Power Purchase Agreement (PPA)
- Energy dashboard and building graphics will support student engagement and culture of environmental responsibility





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Rendering – Repurposed Existing Multi-purpose Room to Library



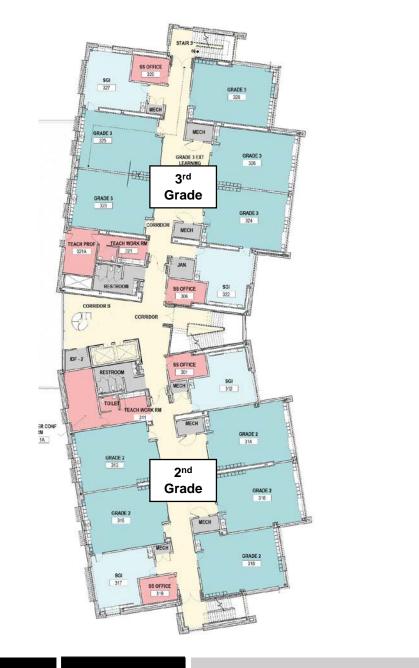
#### Rendering – Gymnasium VMDO



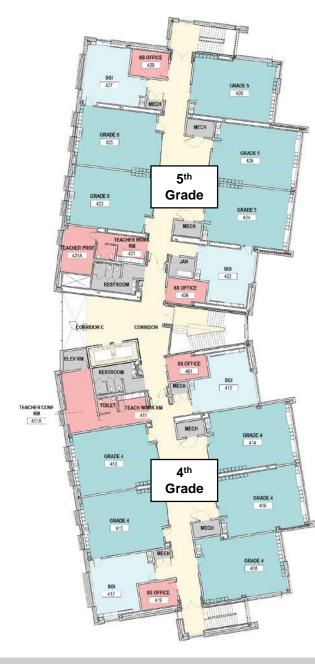
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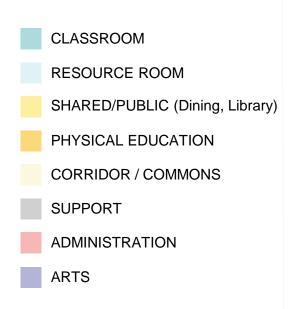


**Rendering – Cafeteria** V M D O



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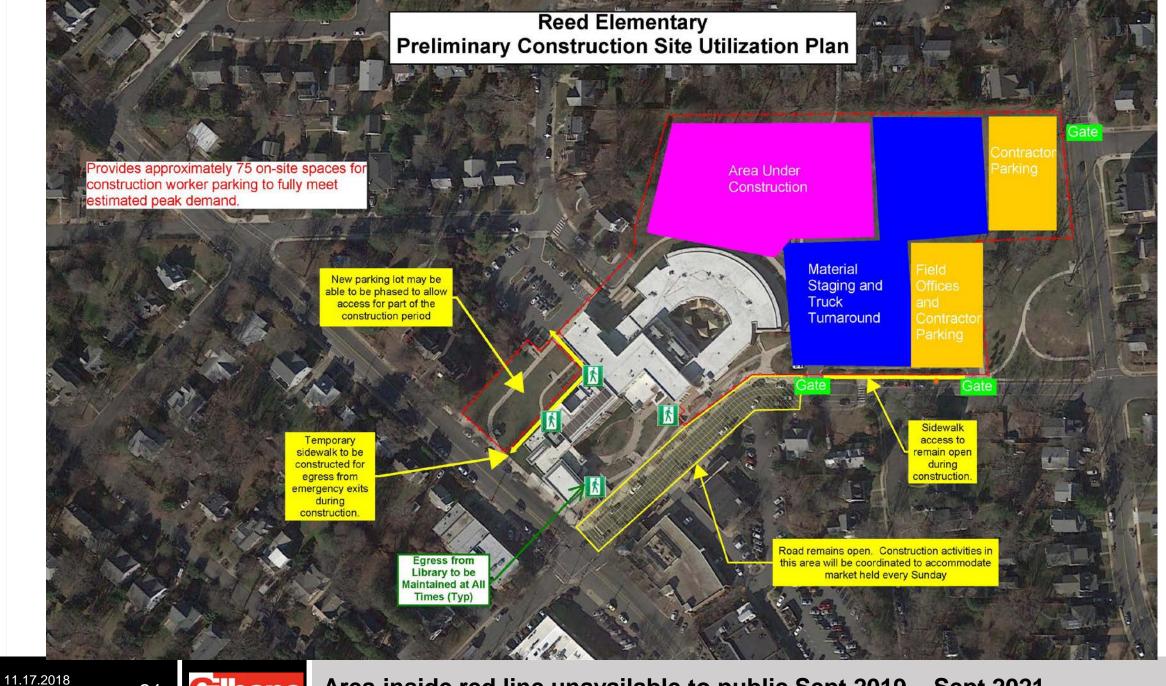




#### Floor Plans – Levels 3 & 4

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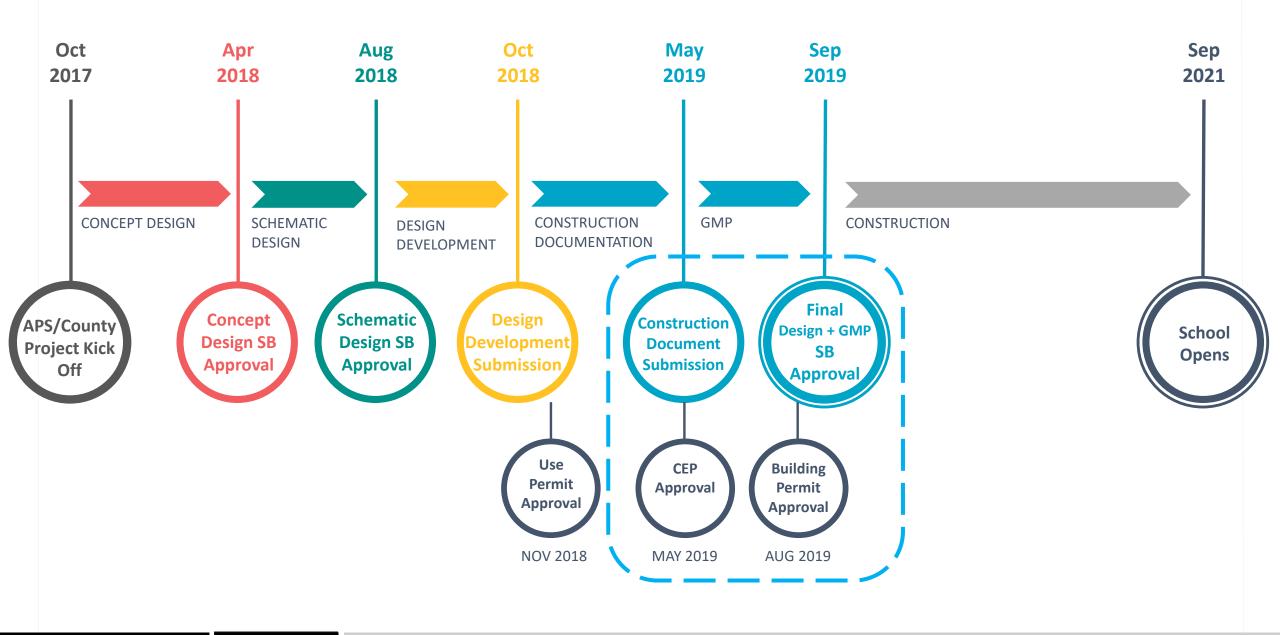
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**Overall Project Timeline** 

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