

What is the background of the Arlington Career Center Project?



The Arlington Career Center (ACC) was originally included in the [FY 2007-12 Capital Improvement Plan \(CIP\)](#) to investigate the needs related to scope, phasing, feasibility, and cost. Most recently, the ACC Project was included in the [FY 2023-32 Capital Improvement Plan \(CIP\) Direction](#) at the Oct. 28, 2021 School Board Meeting. ([View the full ACC timeline](#)) The Superintendent was directed to begin work immediately on the ACC concept design, which is currently underway, and was directed to include the ACC project in the Superintendent's Proposed FY 2023-32 CIP. As a result, the Building Level Planning Committee (BLPC) was reconvened to review and provide feedback on the ACC project design process.

What is the goal of the Arlington Career Center Project?

The Arlington Career Center (ACC) is home to a dynamic and diverse community of learners from across Arlington County for whom "learning by doing" characterizes their daily school experience. The goal of the Arlington Career Center Project is for the option school and parking garage to be completed within the maximum total project cost of \$170.48 million. Planning for a new building at the ACC site fulfills a commitment to provide instructional facilities for more than 500 ACC students attending the school full-time. This process will also modernize the Career & Technical Education (CTE) labs that were built in 1974 by expanding CTE capacity in the building to serve students across all APS high schools.

What is the role of the BLPC in the process?

The Building Level Planning Committee (BLPC) process will invite public feedback on the elements identified in the Public Facilities Review Committee (PFRC) [Principles of Civic Design](#). In addition, The BLPC is responsible for weighing in on how the building interacts with the community.

In this role, BLPC members will do the following:

- Communicate with and obtain feedback from stakeholder groups they represent; and
- Provide feedback and recommendations to the APS staff who are responsible for design and delivery of the building.

APS will consider adjustments that fit within the maximum total project cost and address the [School Board's Project Requirements for the Arlington Career Center](#).

What is outside of the scope of the BLPC?

This process will not address the long-term use of the Career Center Campus and opportunities for comment on long-term use will occur within the process for review and adoption of the FY 2023-32 CIP.

What is the timeline for the project?

- **January 19, 2022** – Joint BLPC/PFRC Meeting #1
- **February 16, 2022** – Joint BLPC/PFRC Meeting #2
- **March 30, 2022** – Joint BLPC/PFRC Meeting #3
- **April 7, 2022** – School Board Meeting: ACC Concept Design Information
- **April 28, 2022** – School Board Meeting: ACC Concept Design Action
- **September 2022** – Joint BLPC/PFRC Schematic Design phase meetings (pending School Board direction on Concept Design)
- **December 2023** – Construction Begins
- **December 2025** – New ACC Building Complete
- **April 2027** – All Construction Phases Complete

Who should I contact if I have questions?

For additional information or questions, please email engage@apsva.us or visit the Arlington Career Center Project engage webpage at <https://www.apsva.us/design-and-construction/arlington-career-center>.