



# 21<sup>st</sup> Century School Buildings Program

Frederick Douglass High School & Joseph C. Briscoe Academy

**COMMUNITY MEETING:** Construction Update #5

January 21, 2026

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### Welcome and Introductions

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### Agenda

#### Overview & Introductions

#### Final Design (Recap)

- Site Design
- Exterior Design
- Interior Design

#### Construction Overview

- Community & Site Security
- Site Utilization Plan
- Construction Progress Updates
- Project Schedule & Upcoming Milestones

#### Questions and Feedback

## Frederick Douglass and Joseph C. Briscoe Project: Where We Are Now



### Community Meeting Construction Update #4 (May 28th)

The construction team provided a recap of final design, reported site safety and security measures, and shared construction site progress photos.



### Post Meeting Engagement and Follow-Up (June 2025 – January 2026)

- Continued check-ins and problem-solving with school leaders
- Collected and shared ongoing stakeholder feedback
- Started planning for the dual ribbon-cutting scheduled for August 2026



### Construction Update Meeting (January 21st)

Today, the team will share construction updates with Frederick Douglass and Joseph C. Briscoe stakeholders.

# Frederick Douglass High School Renovation and Modernization Project

**249,393**

Building Gross Square Footage

**1,214**

Douglass Student Capacity

**110**

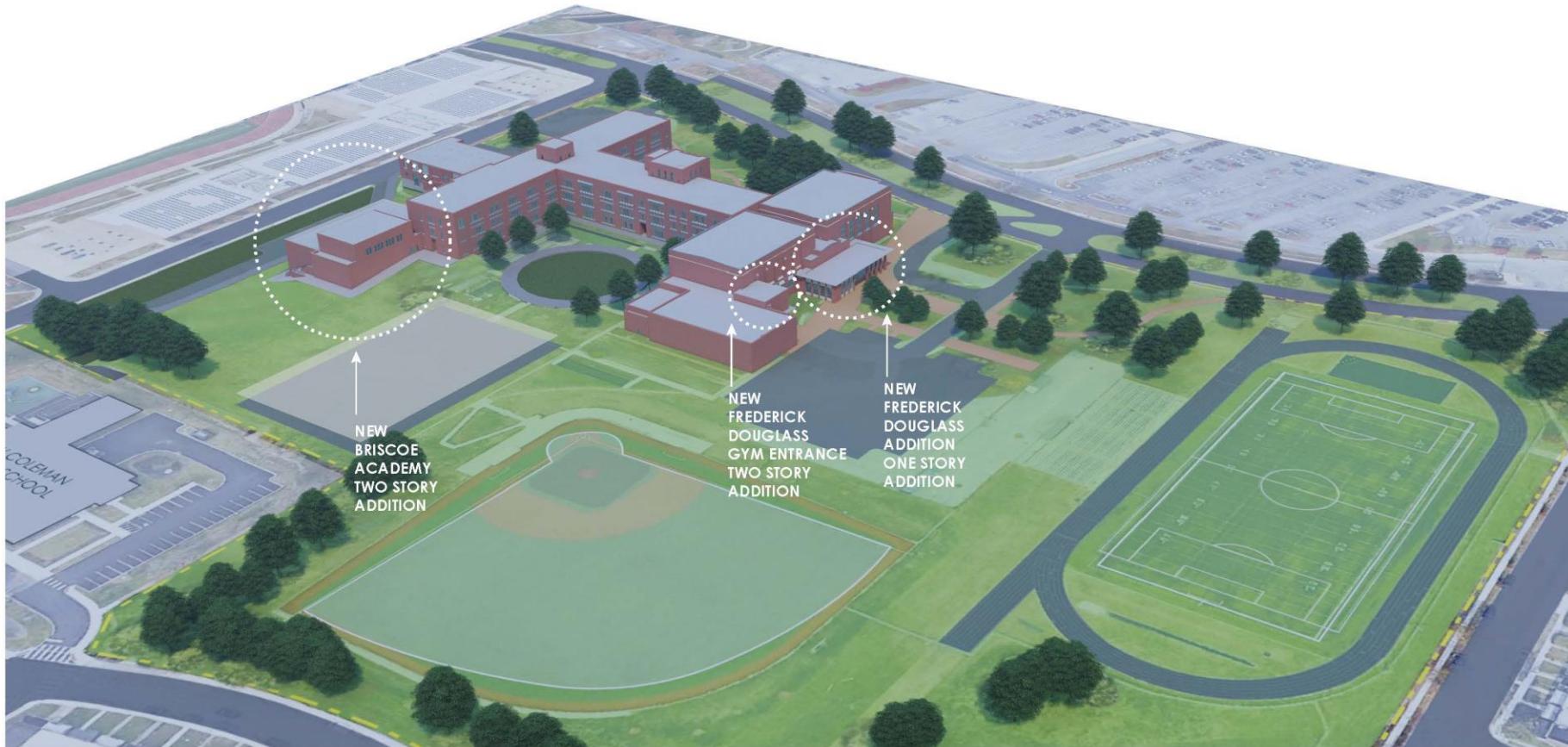
Briscoe Student Capacity

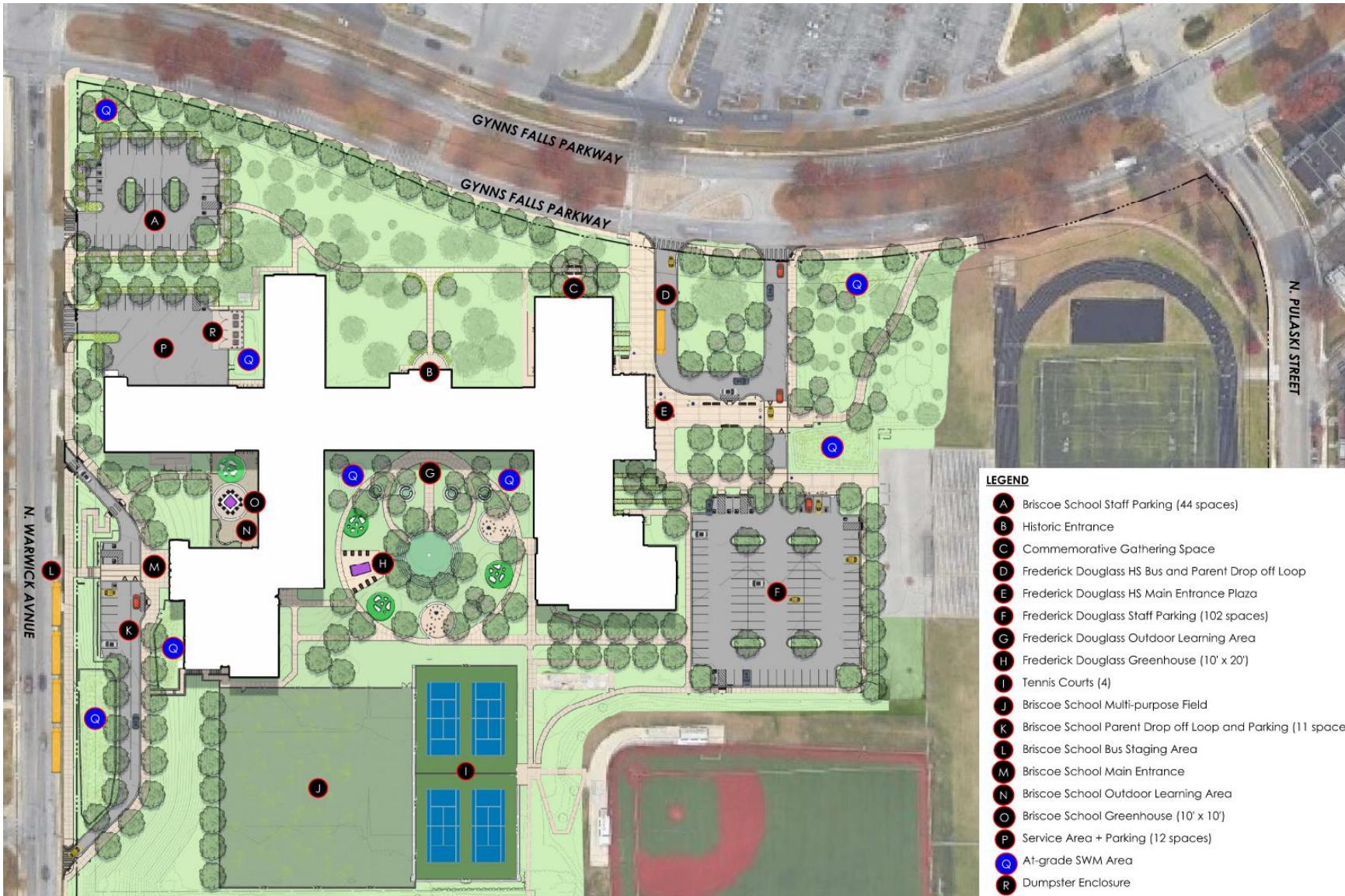
The building project includes three additions:

- One part housing for Briscoe Academy
- A new Douglass school entrance
- A new Douglass gym entrance

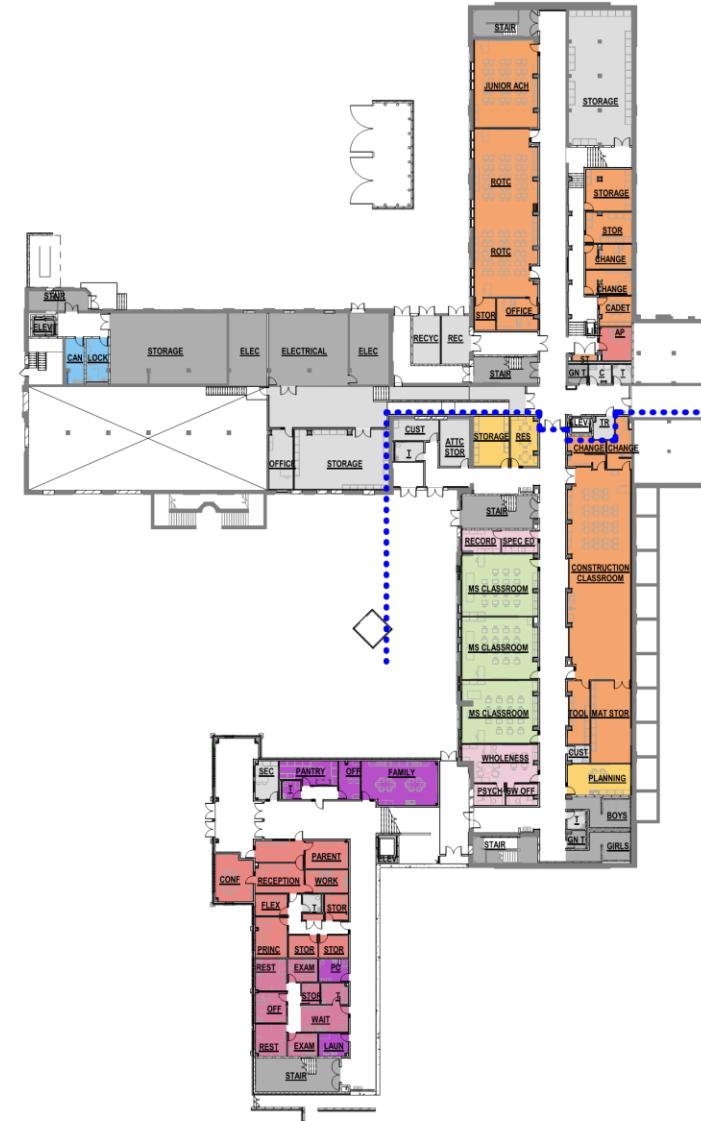
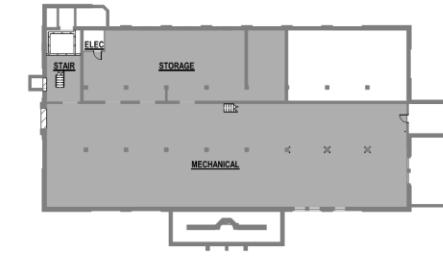


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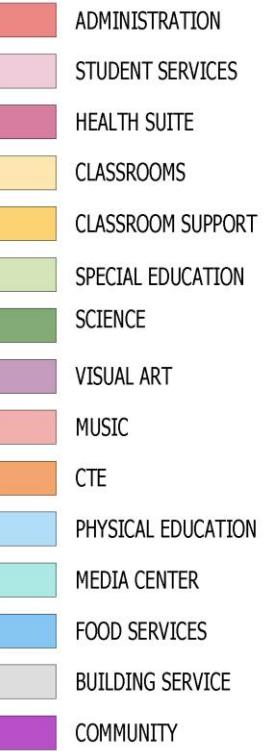
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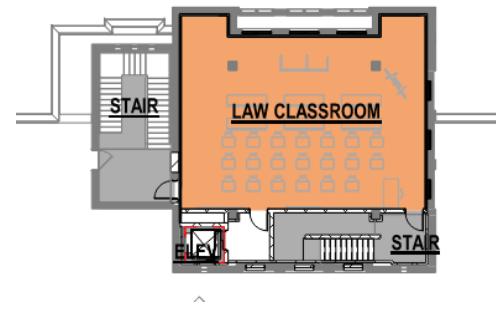


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Fourth Floor Plan



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The new Frederick Douglass entrance is one of three project additions.



The new Frederick Douglass gymnasium entrance is one of three project additions.



The Joseph C. Briscoe addition entrance is one of three project additions.

**Safety of all is paramount**

- Security Fencing
- Cameras and monitoring systems
- After-hours security guards

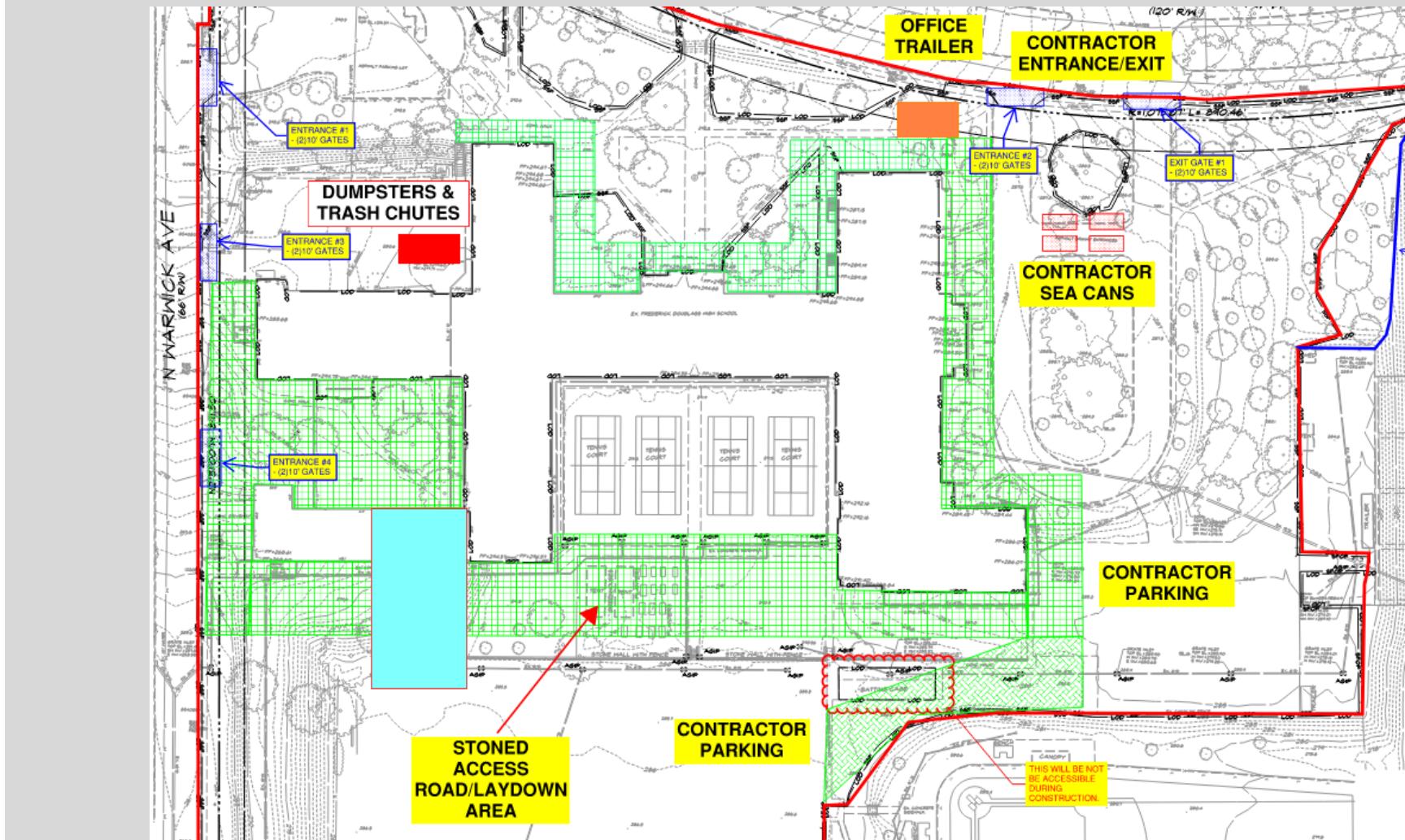
**Being a good neighbor**

- On-site cleanliness trash removal
- Wash racks at construction entrances

**Environmental controls**

- Sediment control and runoff management
- Silt fencing and erosion controls

Standard Work Hours | Monday – Friday | 6:30 a.m. – 4p.m.



Traffic and deliveries will enter or exit jobsite at both N. Warwick Ave. and Gwynns Falls Parkway.



**BEFORE****NOW****VIEW FROM SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SITE**



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## VIEW FROM SOUTH SHOWING BRISCOE ADDITION

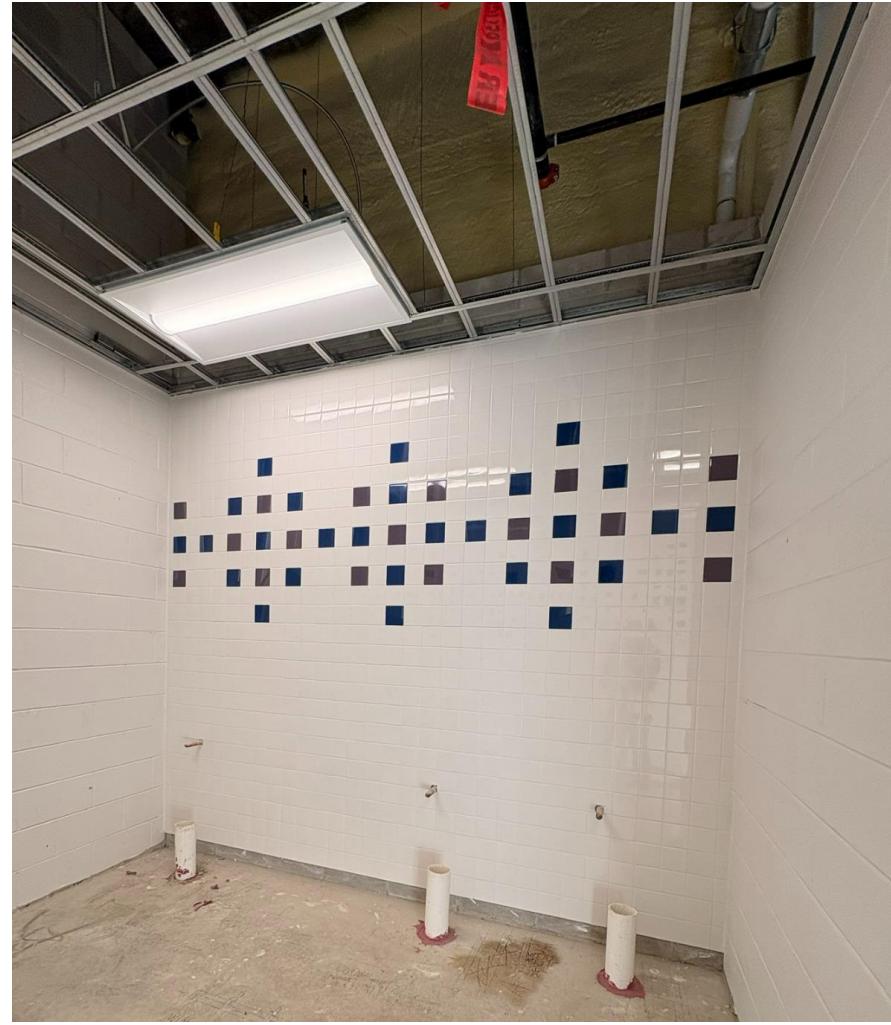


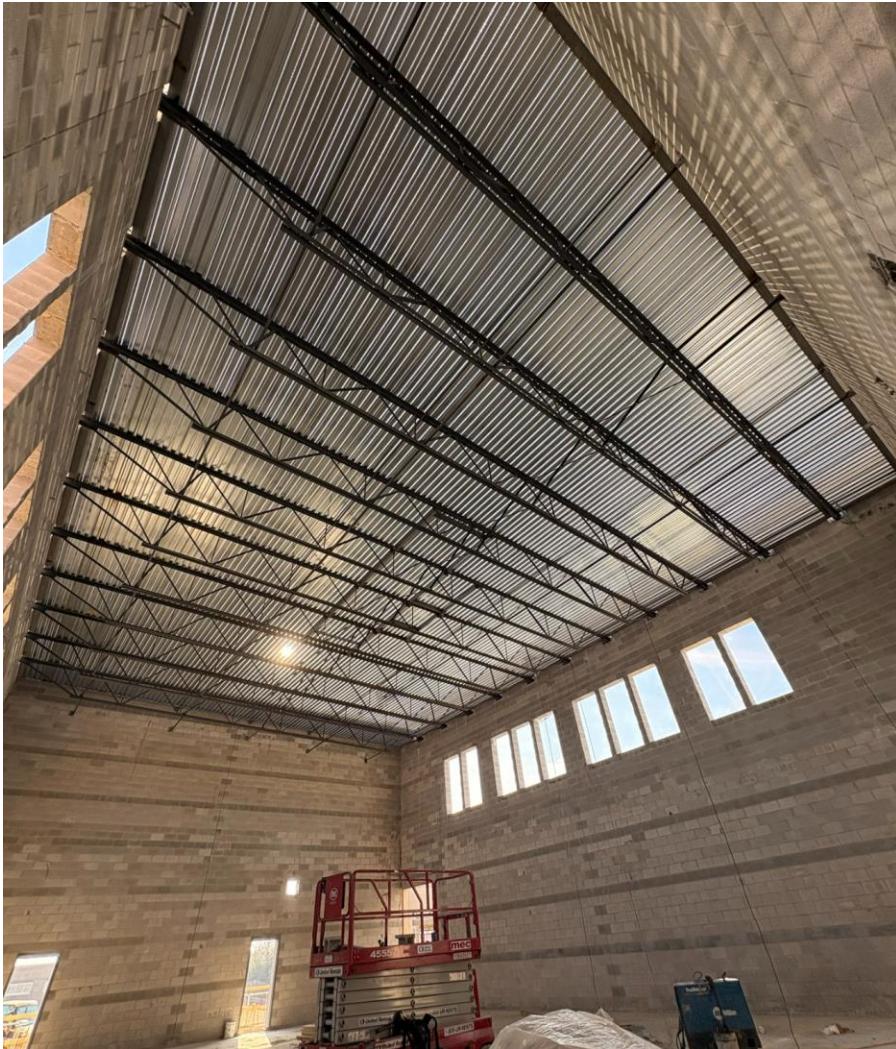
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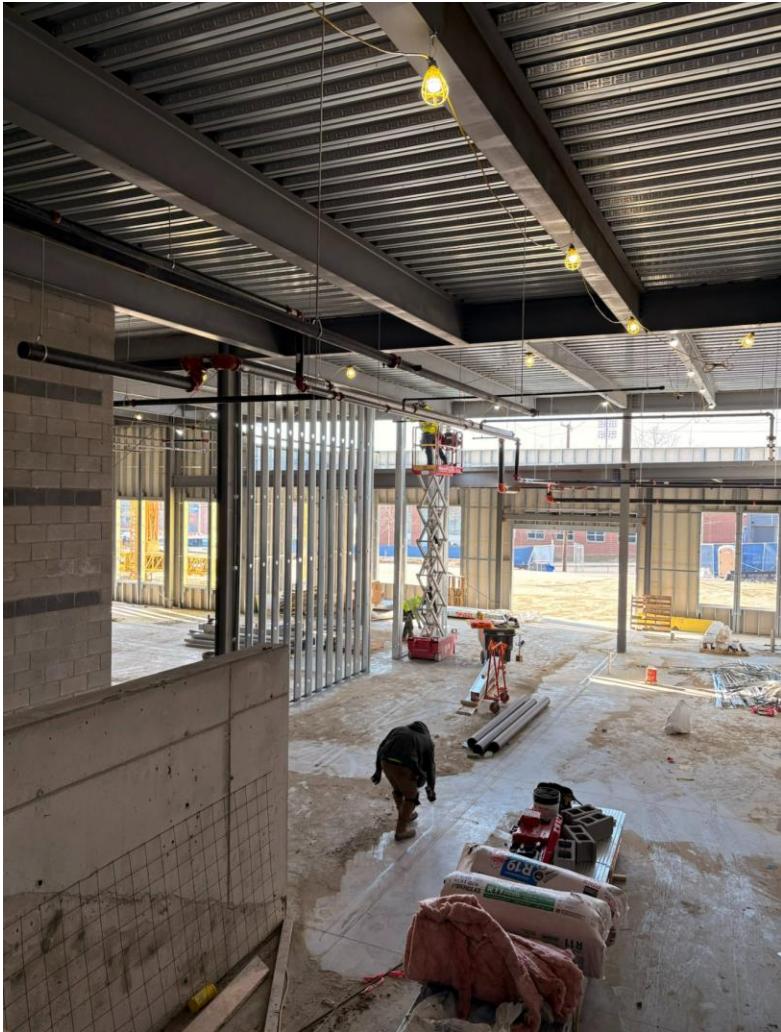


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VIEW FROM SOUTH

**CLASSROOM****RESTROOM**

**BRISCOE GYM****CORRIDOR**

**BRISCOE GROUND FLOOR****NORTHWEST PARKING LOT**

**BRISCOE EXTERIOR****BRISCOE ENTRANCE**

## Project Schedule: Milestones

- MEPS Rough-ins.....ongoing**
- Interior/Exterior Framing.....ongoing**
- Earthwork/Utilities.....ongoing**
- Interior Masonry.....ongoing**
- Site Concrete.....ongoing**
- Structural Steel.....wrapping up**
- Casework.....end of January**
- Flooring.....February**

**Take 3 minutes to share Your Feedback!**



**Scan the QR code to complete the post-meeting survey.**

**Questions & Answers**



# Site Parking

## What we're hearing

- Staff members have shared concerns about limited parking.

## What will not change

- Due to **site size, zoning requirements, and surrounding neighborhood conditions**, adding parking spaces is not feasible now or in the future.

## How we will support

- Strengthening communication and coordination to support school and community-based problem-solving
- Gather and share feedback with school leadership and the community to refine operational solutions

**City Schools is committed to an open and inclusive process.**

If you have questions, comments, or feedback, please contact the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and Built to Learn Engagement Team or visit [www.baltimorecityschools.org/page/capital-projects](http://www.baltimorecityschools.org/page/capital-projects).

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**Construction Site Safety Concerns:**

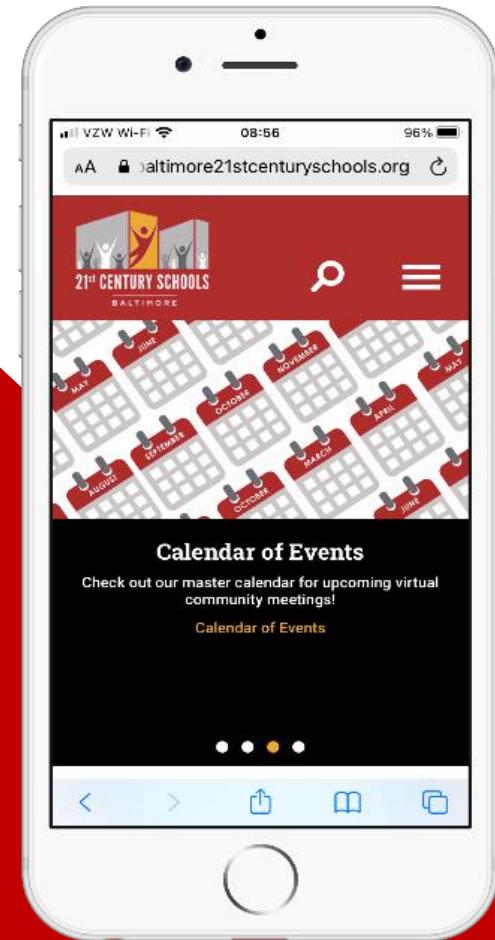
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