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Frederick Douglass High School & Joseph C. Briscoe Academy

COMMUNITY MEETING: FINAL-Construction Update

May 19, 2026

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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

	<p>Community Meeting Construction Update (January 21) The construction team provided a recap of final design, reported site safety and security measures, and shared construction site progress photos.</p>
	<p>Post Meeting Engagement and Follow-Up (January - May 2026)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continued check-ins and problem-solving with school leaders• Collected and shared ongoing stakeholder feedback• Planning for the dual ribbon-cutting scheduled for August 2026 is ongoing• Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Date: August 6, 2026
	<p>Construction Update Meeting (May 19) Today, the team will share construction updates with Frederick Douglass and Joseph C. Briscoe stakeholders.</p>

Frederick Douglass High School Renovation and Modernization Project

249,393

Building Gross Square Footage

1,214

Douglass Student
Capacity

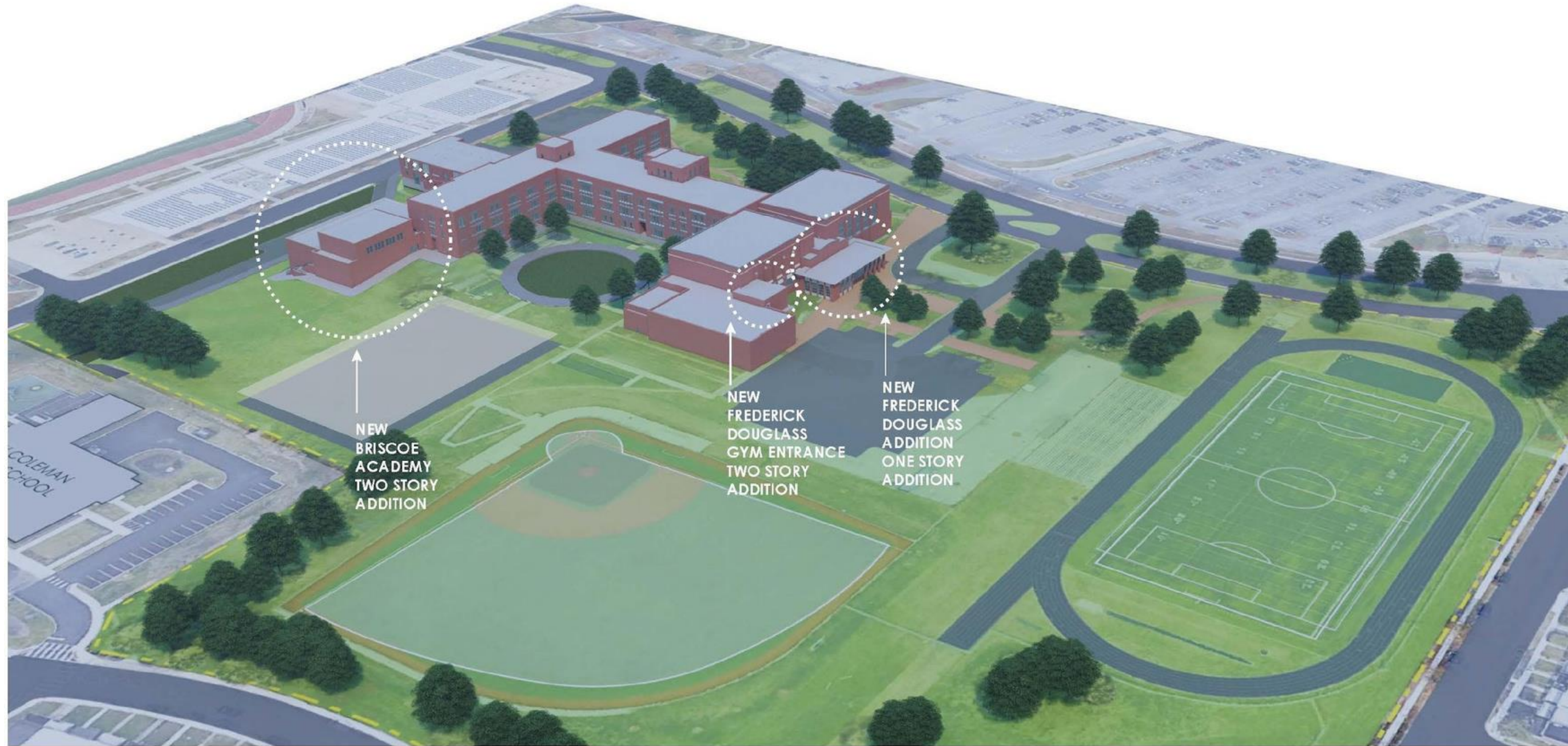
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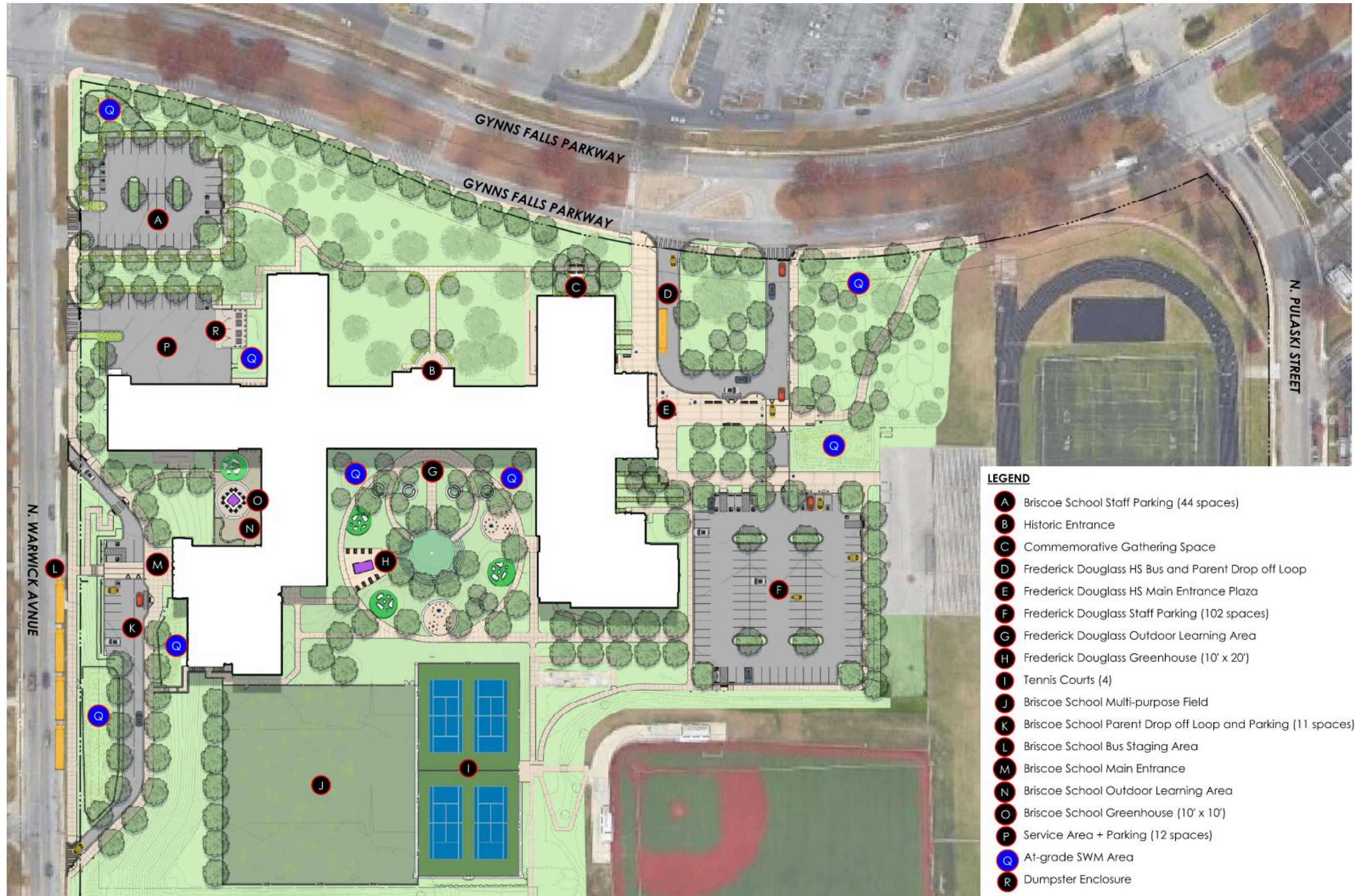
Briscoe Student
Capacity

The building project includes three additions:

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



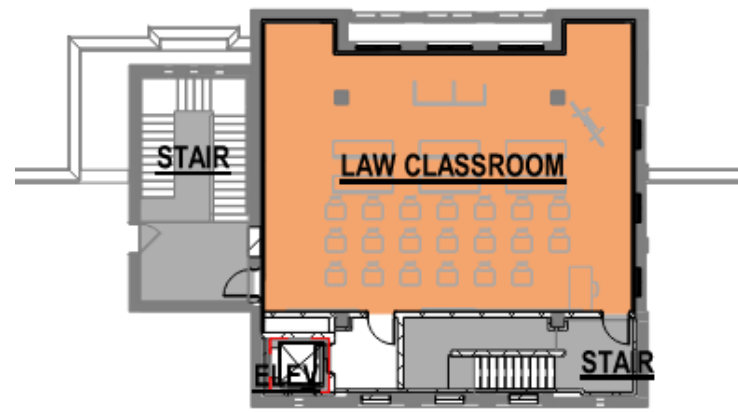












Fourth Floor Plan



- ADMINISTRATION
- STUDENT SERVICES
- HEALTH SUITE
- CLASSROOMS
- CLASSROOM SUPPORT
- SPECIAL EDUCATION
- SCIENCE
- VISUAL ART
- MUSIC
- CTE
- PHYSICAL EDUCATION
- MEDIA CENTER
- FOOD SERVICES
- BUILDING SERVICE
- COMMUNITY



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

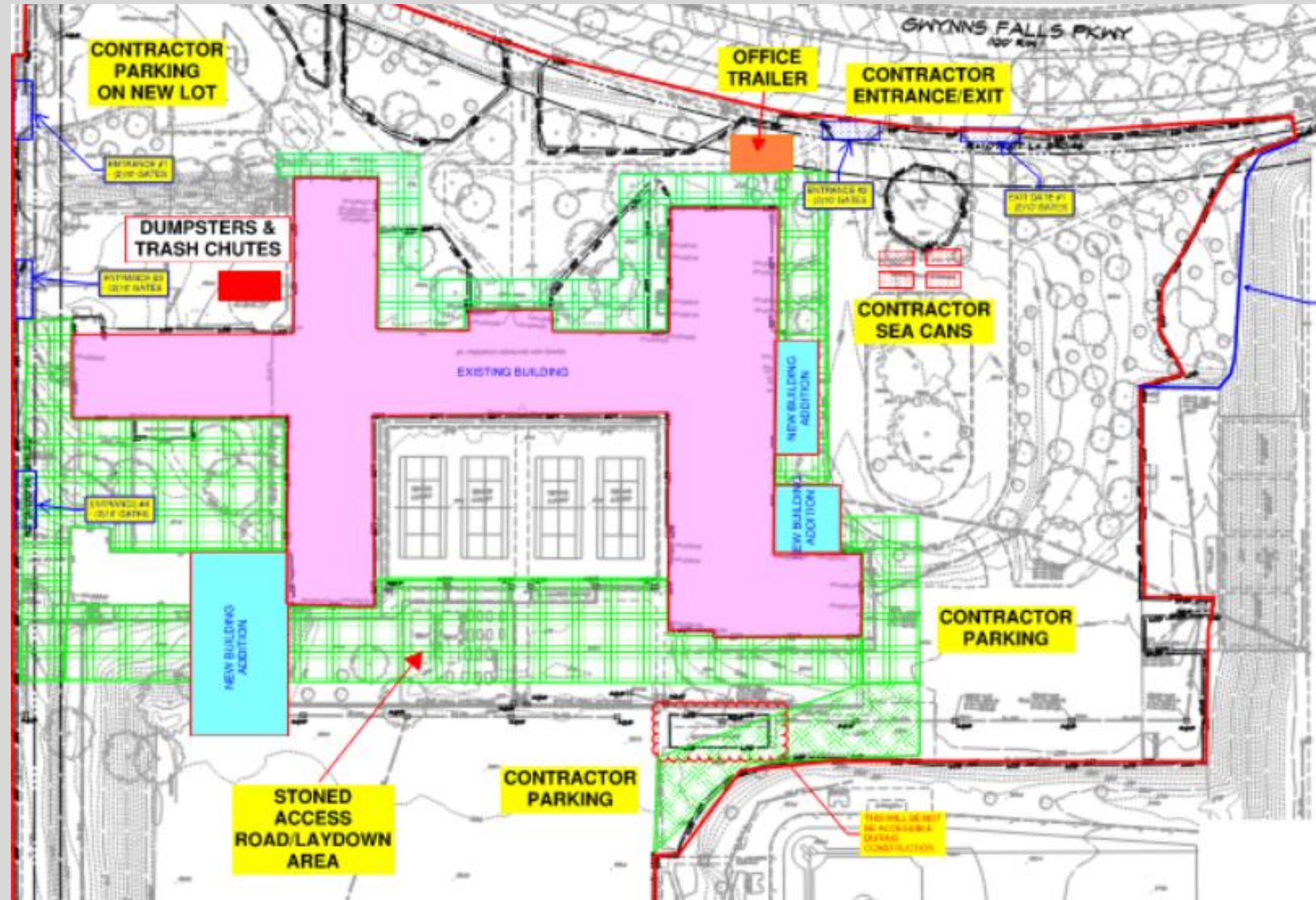
Being a good neighbor

- 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 - Briscoe Addition is in place, Student drop-off in progress & Douglass outdoor learning is progressing.

VIEW FROM SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SITE



BEFORE



NOW – Briscoe Addition w/ Auxillary Gym is constructed & site concrete is progressing.

VIEW FROM SOUTH SHOWING BRISCOE ADDITION



BEFORE



NOW – The new roof is substantially complete, windows have been installed, rooftop equipment setting has begun & outdoor learning has developed.

VIEW FROM SOUTH



CLASSROOM – All finishes & equipment have been installed



RESTROOM – Flooring, wall tile & plumbing fixtures have been installed.



KITCHEN – Finished flooring & wall tile is complete, Walk-in's are constructed with all equipment being set for final connections



DOUGLASS GYM – Finish paint is complete, permanent lights are installed, sound panels are being prepared for installation, to be followed by Athletic equipment



CONSTRUCTION ROOM – This will be the lab portion with exposed ceilings.



CONSTRUCTION ROOM– This is the classroom portion with finish ceilings being finalized & flooring to follow.



POOL – the pool shell work is complete; tile is being installed & the majority of the work in the ceiling has been completed

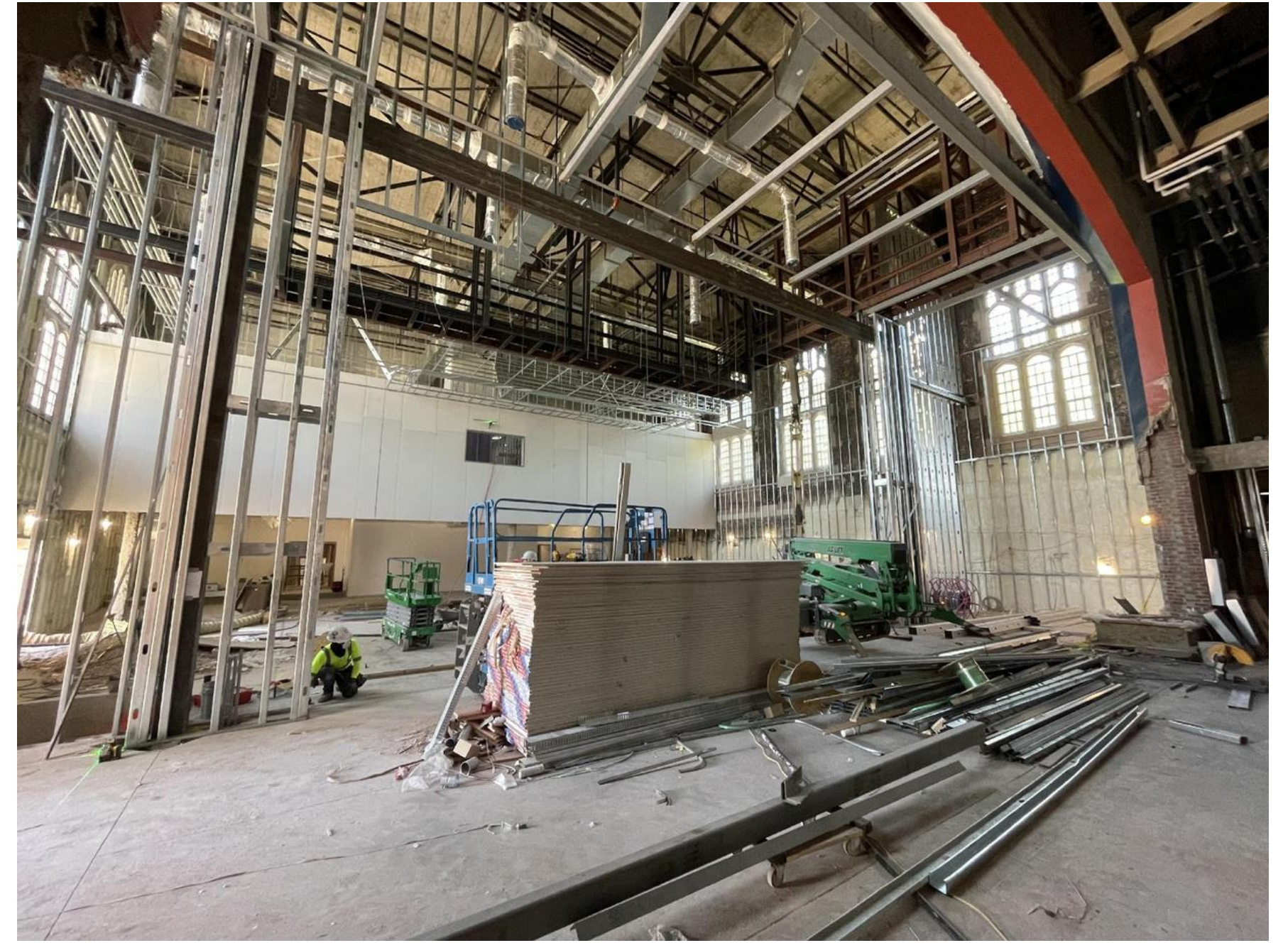
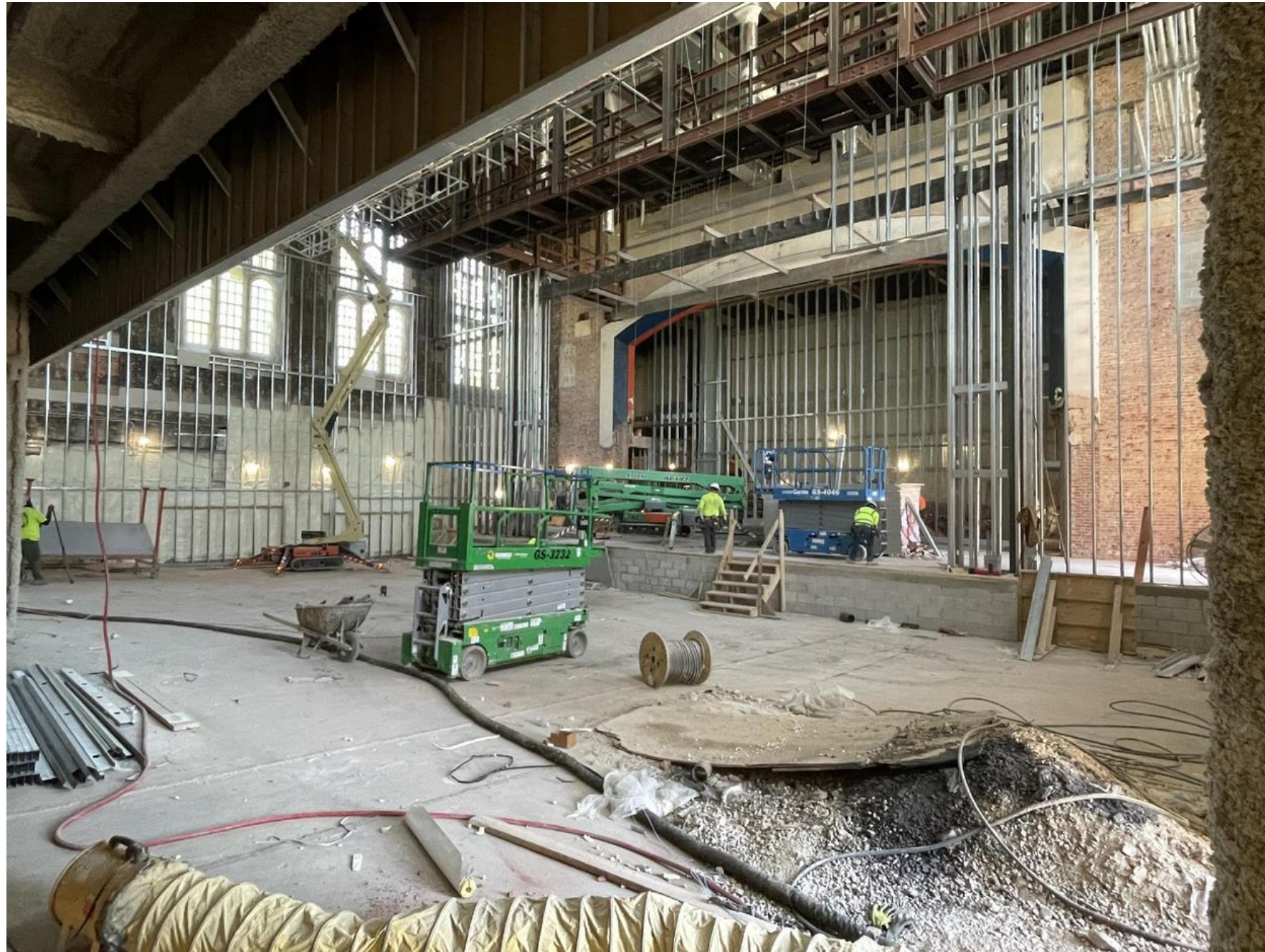
CORRIDOR – ceilings & finished floors have been completed with the final painting occurring



EAST PARKING LOT – parking islands have been completed, along with light pole bases & base paving has begun



BIO-PONDS – currently being constructed with all utility work complete, stone base installed with filter media being placed, followed by plantings



AUDITORIUM – perimeter wall framing is nearing completion with spray foam installation occurring. All steel for stage equipment & rigging is installed. Ceiling framing & drywall hanging has begun.



DOUGLASS MAIN ENTRANCE – permanent roof is installed, exterior walls are in place with brick being installed, followed by the window & door installation



BRISCOE – exterior walls are finished with window installation concluding with caulking & the security screen installation

Project Schedule: Milestones

Flooring.....	complete June 2026
Painting.....	complete June 2026
Casework.....	complete June 2026
Fixtures.....	complete June 2026
Site Concrete.....	complete July 2026
Brick.....	complete May 2026
Paving.....	complete July 2026
Landscaping.....	complete July 2026

Site Parking

What we're hearing from

- Staff and community 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

Take 3 minutes to share Your Feedback!



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

Questions & Answers



City Schools is committed to an open and inclusive process.

If you have questions, comments, or feedback, please contact the 21st Century and Built to Learn Engagement Team or visit baltimore21stcenturyschools.org

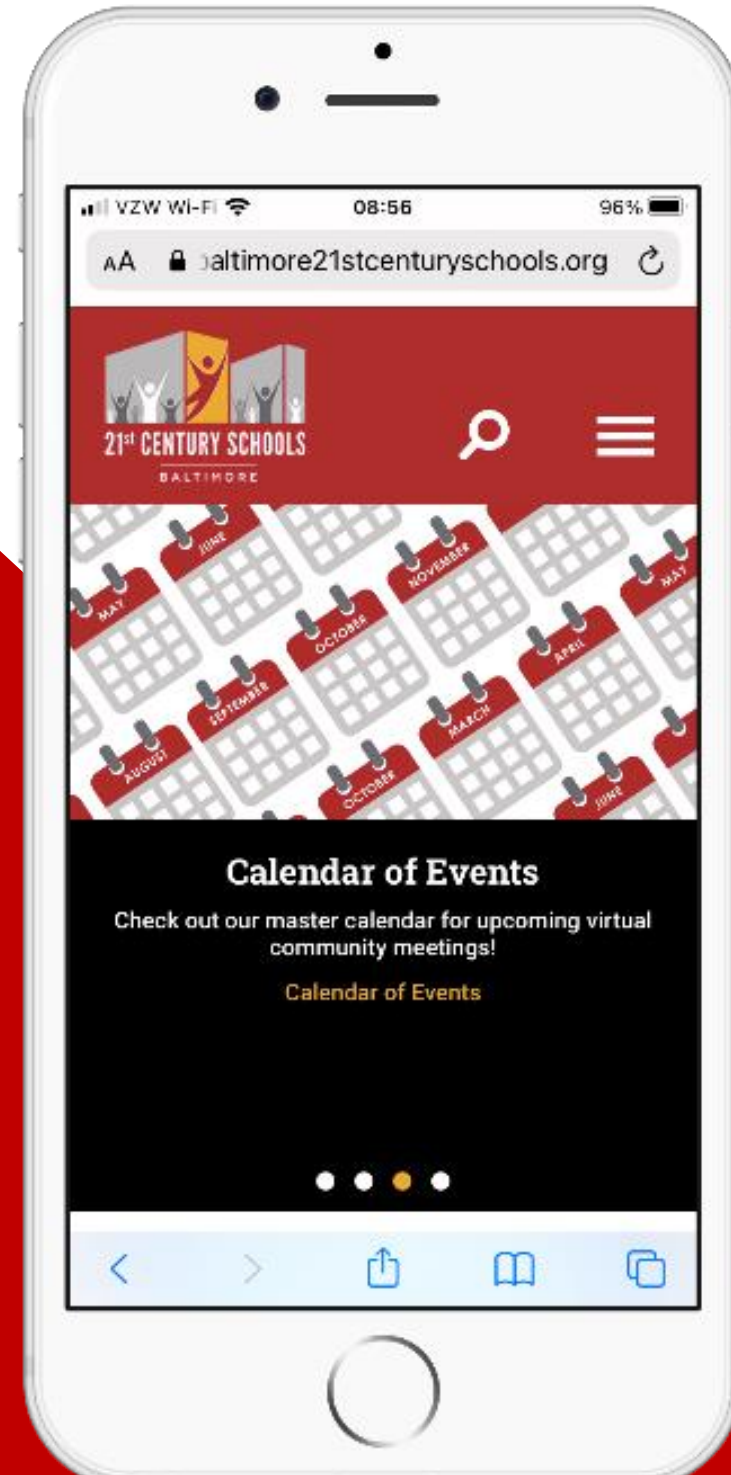
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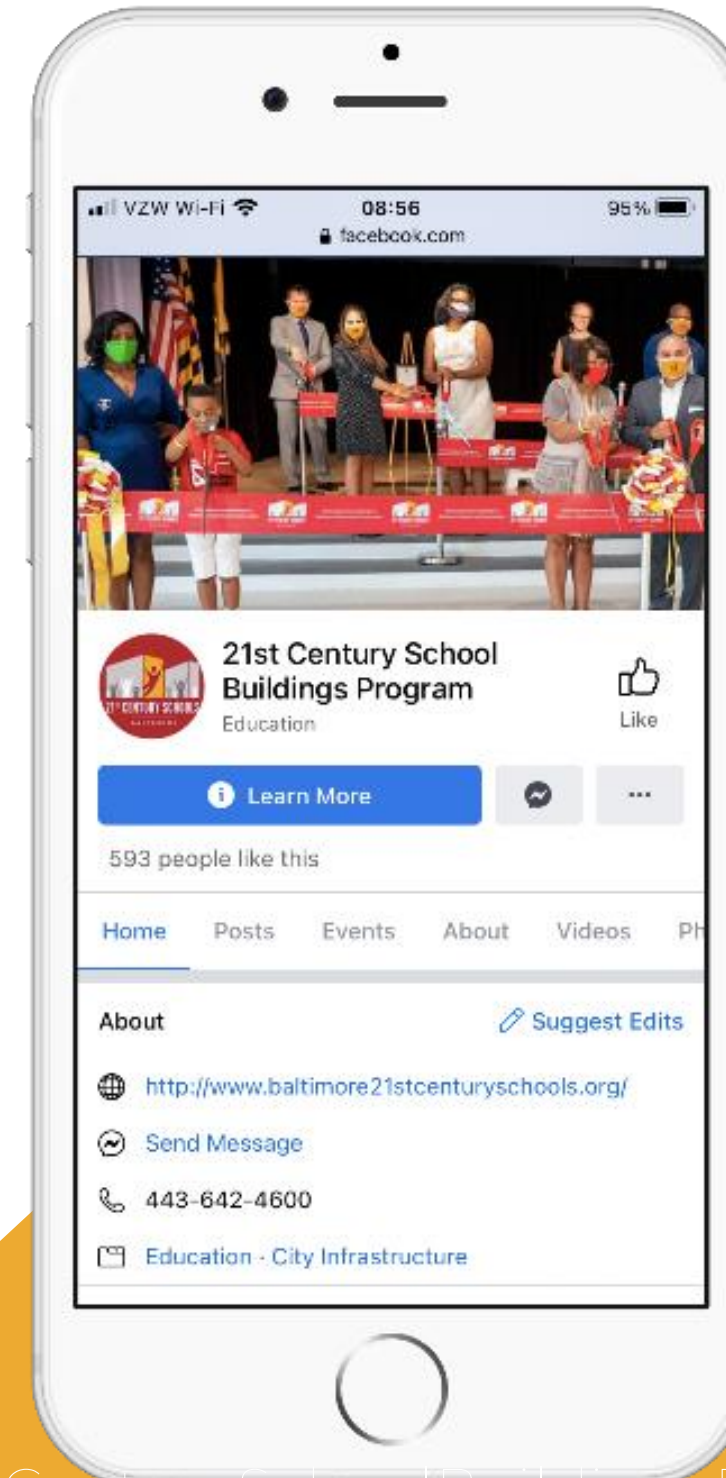
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