



# Blueprint Schools Phase 2 - 2024 Quarter 4 Report

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PGCPS has held groundbreaking ceremonies for four of our eight Phase 2 of the Blueprint Schools Program (the Program). The Program is now firmly into the permitting and construction phase for the group A schools and Robert Frost K-8, the first three (3) of the eight schools identified for delivery under this Program. PGCPS has organized each of the Schools into three (3) groups, each with distinct School Occupancy Readiness dates as set forth below:

School	Group/Scheduled School Occupancy Readiness Date	Estimated Sq Ft	Description
Margaret Brent Elementary School	A (July 2026)	101,586	Demolition of off-site Glenridge Elementary School and construction of new Margaret Brent Elementary School
Templeton Elementary School		107,905	Demolition of existing on-site Templeton Elementary School and construction of new Templeton Elementary School
Hyattsville Elementary School	B (July 2027)	113,000	Demolition of existing Hyattsville Elementary School and construction of new Hyattsville Elementary School
Robert Frost Area K-8 School		230,778	Demolition of the existing on-site Robert Frost Elementary School, demolition of existing off-site Charles Carroll Middle School, demolition of existing off-site Carrollton Elementary School, and construction of new Robert Frost Area K-8 School
Fairwood Elementary School		82,462	Demolition of existing off-site Woodmore Elementary School and new construction of Fairwood Elementary School
Brandywine Area K-8 School <sup>(1)</sup>		194,476	Demolition of existing on-site Gwynn Park Middle School, demolition of off-site existing Brandywine Elementary School, and construction of new Brandywine Area K-8 School
James E. Duckworth Elementary School	C (July 2028)	92,221	Demolition of existing on-site James E. Duckworth Elementary School and construction of new James E. Duckworth Elementary School.
Springhill Lake Elementary School		104,608	Demolition of existing Springhill Lake Elementary School and construction of new Springhill Lake Elementary School

PEP and PGCPS have been working with DPIE, WSSC, MNCPPC, and the other permitting agencies since the beginning of the ENA period to advance permitting and design. PEP provided 95% drawings for Margret Brent ES, Templeton ES, and Robert Frost K-8. These drawings are being reviewed by the Kathy Dixon Architects (PGCPS Design Consultant), the Interagency Commission on School Construction (IAC), and the Independent Engineer. We expect to receive 65% drawings for the Group B Schools this winter. We also plan to move to mandatory referral for the remaining schools and conduct additional community meetings.

PEP has replaced Hafeez Habib with Gillian Schloss as the Project Executive. Mr. Habib is continuing the project; however, Mrs. Schloss assumed direct control. PEP and PGCPS continue to have a good professional working partnership.

PEP and PGCPS are working with the IAC to develop our annual report to the State Legislature as required by the four-party MOU. In addition, the County has transferred funds to the IAC fund, and the IAC is working with PGCPS to transfer State and County funds into the escrow account.

Generally, all activities under the Program work as intended by the MOU and the Contract.

*Shawn Matlock*

*Director, Office of Alternative Infrastructure Planning and Development*

## PROJECT PROFILES

### Margaret Brent Elementary School



**Project Status:** Construction

**Neighborhood:** New Carrollton

**Address:** 5816 Lamont Terrace, New Carrollton, MD 20784

**Grade Configuration:** PK - 5

**Capacity:** TBD

**Square Footage:** TBD

**Principal:** TBD

**Associate Superintendents:**

- Dr. Kasandra G. Lassiter

**County Council District:** 3

**State Legislative District:** 22

**School Board District:** 2

### Templeton Elementary School



**Project Status:** Construction

**Neighborhood:** Riverdale Park

**Address:** 6001 Carters Ln, Riverdale Park, MD 20737

**Grade Configuration:** PK - 5

**Capacity:** TBD

**Square Footage:** TBD

**Principal:** Amy Robinson

**Associate Superintendents:**

- Dr. Kasandra G. Lassiter

**County Council District:** 3

**State Legislative District:** 47A

**School Board District:** 4

**PROJECT PROFILES (continued)**

**Hyattsville Elementary School**



**Project Status:** Design  
**Neighborhood:** Hyattsville, West Riverdale, University Park  
**Address:** 5311 43rd Avenue, Hyattsville, MD 20781  
**Grade Configuration:** PK - 5  
**Capacity:** TBD  
**Square Footage:** TBD  
**Principal:** Dr. Richard T. McKee Jr.

**Associate Superintendents:**

- Dr. Kasandra G. Lassiter

**County Council District:** 2  
**State Legislative District:** 22  
**School Board District:** 3

**Robert Frost Area K-8 School**



**Project Status:** Construction  
**Neighborhood:** New Carrollton  
**Address:** 6419 85th Ave, New Carrollton, MD 20784  
**Grade Configuration:** PK - 5  
**Capacity:** TBD  
**Square Footage:** TBD  
**Principal:** TBD

**Associate Superintendents:**

- Dr. Kasandra G. Lassiter
- Dr. Ameila Coleman

**County Council District:** 3  
**State Legislative District:** 22  
**School Board District:** 2

**PROJECT PROFILES** *(continued)*

**Fairwood Elementary School**



**Project Status:** Design  
**Neighborhood:** Bowie  
**Address:** 13250 Fairwood Pkwy, Bowie, MD 20720  
**Grade Configuration:** PK - 5  
**Capacity:** TBD  
**Square Footage:** TBD  
**Principal:** TBD

**Associate Superintendents:**

- Dr. Kasandra G. Lassiter

**County Council District:** 6  
**State Legislative District:** 24  
**School Board District:** 5

**Brandywine Area K-8 School**



**Project Status:** Design  
**Neighborhood:** Brandywine  
**Address:** 8000 Dyson Rd, Brandywine, MD 20613  
**Grade Configuration:** PK - 8  
**Capacity:** TBD  
**Square Footage:** TBD  
**Principal:** TBD

**Associate Superintendents:**

- Dr. Kasandra G. Lassiter
- Dr. Ameila Coleman

**County Council District:** 9  
**State Legislative District:** 27B  
**School Board District:** 9

**PROJECT PROFILES** *(continued)*

**James E. Duckworth Elementary School**



**Project Status:** Design  
**Neighborhood:** Beltsville, Calverton  
**Address:** 11201 Evans Trail, Beltsville, MD 20705  
**Grade Configuration:** PK - 5  
**Capacity:** TBD  
**Square Footage:** TBD  
**Principal:** Dr. Selena Swilling

**Associate Superintendents:**

- Dr. Kasandra G. Lassiter

**County Council District:** 1  
**State Legislative District:** 21  
**School Board District:** 1

**Springhill Lake Elementary School**



**Project Status:** Design  
**Neighborhood:** Greenbelt, Hollywood  
**Address:** 6060 Springhill Drive, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
**Grade Configuration:** PK - 5  
**Capacity:** TBD  
**Square Footage:** TBD  
**Principal:** Trena Wilson

**Associate Superintendents:**

- Dr. Kasandra G. Lassiter

**County Council District:** 4  
**State Legislative District:** 22  
**School Board District:** 2



## **PROGRAM PROGRESS**

### **Construction Progress**

Construction activities have commenced for the first set of schools: Margaret Brent Elementary School, Templeton Elementary School, and Robert Frost K-8 School. Interior demolition and abatement have progressed at Templeton and Robert Frost. Site clearing and setting up of E&S controls are underway at Margaret Brent. 95% design development documents for Margaret Brent, Templeton, and Robert Frost K-8 have been delivered. Design and permitting are in progress for Brandywine K-8, Hyattsville Elementary School, and Fairwood Elementary School, where 65% of Design Development packages are targeted to be delivered by the end of January 2025.

### **Construction Updates by Site**

At the Margaret Brent Elementary School site, MCN Build, the general contractors for Phase 2, have officially mobilized on-site and set up temporary power. Erosion and sediment controls are currently being installed and are expected to be completed within the coming months. Upcoming work between December 2024 and March 2025 includes grading the site, setting up site utilities, installing geo-piers, constructing geothermal wells, constructing underground mechanical, electrical, and plumbing (MEP), and pouring the building foundation.

At the Templeton Elementary School site, MCN Build has also officially mobilized on-site and set up temporary power. Abatement, interior demolition, and complete demolition of the existing building are underway. Additionally, erosion and sediment controls are currently being installed and are expected to be completed within the coming months. Similar to Margaret Brent, upcoming work for the project between December 2024 and March 2025 includes grading the site, setting up site utilities, constructing geothermal wells, installing underground MEP, and pouring the building foundation.

Finally, at the Robert Frost K-8 School site, MCN has completed site mobilization, asbestos abatement, and interior demolition. Razing, or complete demolition, of the existing building, along with the set up of temporary power, is in progress. Between December 2024 and March 2025, MCN expects to complete the installation of erosion and sediment controls, site grading, the installation of site utilities, the construction of geothermal wells, and the relocation of the existing stormwater and WSSC lines.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

### **Groundbreaking Ceremonies**

The Program broke ground at four Phase 2 schools in September and October. These groundbreaking ceremonies occurred for the Margaret Brent Elementary School, Robert Frost K-8 School, Templeton Elementary School, and Fairwood Elementary School projects. Each groundbreaking ceremony featured heartfelt speeches from state, county, city, and PGCPs officials,

principals, and students, who expressed excitement for the individual projects and highlighted the critical role of updated infrastructure in supporting student achievement. The new facilities will provide state-of-the-art classrooms and dedicated spaces for arts, technology, and science, and they will be sustainable and supportive of PGCPs Climate Change Action Plan goals.

The other four schools in Phase 2, including Hyattsville Elementary School, Brandywine K-8, James Duckworth Elementary School, and Springhill Lake Elementary School, are currently planning and designing and will receive groundbreaking ceremonies in 2025 and 2026.

### **Project Planning Committees**

The Project Planning Committee (PPC) has been established at every school undertaking a major capital project, such as modernization, school replacement, addition, renovation, or remodeling, under the proposed Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for each fiscal year. The PPC is critical in developing educational specifications and schematic designs tailored to each school-specific project. As part of the Blueprint Schools Phase 2 Program, managed by Progressive Education Partner (PEP), bi-monthly PPC meetings are held with participating Phase 2 schools to foster an engaging and informative dialogue throughout the project lifecycle, from design development to construction and completion.

Chaired by the school principal, the PPC comprises educators, school staff, administrators, PTA representatives, community members, students, council members, and the PGCPs Alternative Infrastructure Planning and Development team. The Blueprint Schools Phase 2 Communication Team coordinates and facilitates these meetings. Key topics discussed include site traffic and transportation management, pedestrian safety, ADA accessibility, and building security. These conversations ensure that new schools are welcoming and secure for students, staff, and visitors. Additional discussions have focused on integrating outdoor facilities, establishing school identity and branding, and fostering a sense of community pride while supporting a conducive learning environment.

To date, Templeton Elementary, Robert Frost K8, Margaret Brent Elementary, and Fairwood Elementary have each participated in two PPC meetings during the current academic year.

### **Project Update Meetings**

Two community project update meetings were also held to provide updates on school construction projects. On October 17, 2024, a virtual meeting for the new Hyattsville Elementary School featured presentations by Sean O'Donnell and Jack Chin from Perkins Eastman. It included Q&A support from Shawn Matlock, Director of Alternative Infrastructure, Planning, and Development. This session was well-attended by School Board Member Pamela Boozer-Strother, parents, teachers, and community members.

Similarly, on October 2, 2024, a community update meeting for Fairwood Elementary School occurred at Kingsford Elementary School in Mitchellville. The meeting followed a charrette-style

format with interactive elements, including walking tours of preliminary design plans and designated stations where attendees could review materials, ask questions, and provide feedback. Shawn Matlock, Councilmember Wala Blegay, and School Board Member Dr. Zipporah Miller delivered opening remarks.

### **Engagement Activities**

Finally, on November 19, 2024, Shawn Matlock and Jason Washington attended a community meeting at the request of School Board Member Adams-Stafford. This meeting highlighted alternative infrastructure and the Phase 2 Community Equity Investment Program, which focuses on fostering long-term partnerships with Prince George’s County, offering high-quality, inflation-protected investment opportunities, and enhancing the region's learning environments and educational facilities.

## **COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

### **Fairwood Elementary School**

The Fairwood community has been awaiting a new school for around twenty years. Many community members have been advocating for this school and, at one point, have promoted the design of a new school. Many of our local and state representatives had requested that we meet with the community members to address their school concerns. As a result, PGCPS and PEP took several steps. Initially, PGCPS held several community meetings to discuss the new school with the local community. Second, a listening session was held for the design team to share preliminary designs and get feedback from the community in a workgroup-style setting. We also held the groundbreaking earlier than planned to reassure the community that the school is part of the Program. We have also organized a Project Planning Committee earlier than usual to promote communication with the community and get early feedback on design decisions.

### **Margret Brent Elementary School**

PGCPS requires an easement/right of way across property occupied by the County library. The library had concerns regarding our initial request, and we are working with the County, DPIE, and the library system to arrive at a workable solution. The right of way will serve as bus access to the Margret Brent site and allow us to more safely separate pedestrian, car, and bus traffic onto and around the school.

## **CLOSING STATEMENT**

Phase 2 is off to a good start. PGCPS and PEP continue to work very well together. PGCPS is also working with the county and state to ensure compliance with the four-party MOU.