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SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

**Date:** Oct. 31, 2025

**Subject:** ADA Review

**Reference:** HB2278 - School boards/division superintendent; review of accessibility challenges in local school division.

Dear VDOE Representative,

You will find our report concerning ADA needs below. As a point of reference, we are a non-operational school system, and all four of our schools are managed and operated by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS). They will all be included in the FCPS report, but we take the needs of our students with disabilities very seriously. In addition to ongoing updates FCPS provides, such as regrading curbs and lowering handrails in 2020, we have made upgrades in seating and handrails at the Fairfax High School stadium in 2023.

More importantly, we have an approved bond referendum, and are in the planning stages for renovations at both Daniels Run and Providence Elementary Schools. We start our public commentary sessions in mid-November, and will be listening closely to the access needs of all of our students, staff, and community members. Our renovations will certainly bring us up to code, but we will also aim to meet all FCPS educational specifications, and make sure our facilities match the programming needs in each school. Once the two elementary schools are complete, we expect to move forward with renovations at our middle and high schools.

We conducted a Facility Conditions Assessment at all four of our schools in 2022. Below is a list of needed repairs and improvements. We are working on the most urgent of these now, and will address the remaining issues during renovations. While not everything on the list directly relates to ADA, they all have the potential to impact the ability of our community to access our building. Before and during the renovations, we are committed to ensuring that our schools are safe and accessible, and will plan to make repairs that arise during the process.

I am the acting superintendent and came upon the need for this report well into the window to compile it. If you need more information, I'm happy to provide it or to revise our report as needed. I appreciate any guidance you can offer.

Sincerely,

Dan Phillips

Acting Superintendent.

City of Fairfax Schools

**Priority 1 Improvements:**

1. There are no priority 1 site improvements suggested.

**Priority 2 Improvements:**

1. A new onsite fire hydrant is needed to provide sufficient coverage to the rear of the building. Possibly in the rear of the existing parking lot with a new 6-inch line and connection to the existing waterline in Blenheim Blvd needed.
2. There are several tripping hazards along the existing sidewalks where pervious grade is not flush with the sidewalk.
3. There is only one ADA egress from the large, paved play area on the western side of the school. A new ADA path and 4-foot chain link fence gate is needed to the existing sidewalk.

**Priority 3 Improvements:**

1. Several ADA curb ramps are non-compliant and need to be replaced.
2. The asphalt is in poor condition, with alligator cracking suggesting subbase failure, throughout the site and needs to be fully replaced in most areas. There are some areas that could be milled and overlaid and/or Petromat added to increase structural integrity of the asphalt section. If just milling and overlay is completed in the failing portions, the cracking will come back and the asphalt section will continue to fail. Crosswalk and parking space painting needs to be replaced as part of this upgrade.
3. Cracks and chips were observed in some of the curb and gutter and sidewalk.
4. There is a low point in the heavy-duty concrete at the loading area that needs to be raised to drain to the existing inlet to not cause further damage.
5. Fire lane painting was missing and/or flaking off throughout the site.
6. The dumpster fence is in poor condition and bollards around the loading area are either missing or rusting.
7. Fences and gates throughout the site are in need of minor repairs and repainting.
8. Numerous bare earth and eroded areas were observed around the site.

9. Several canopy trees shown on the approved site plan are missing from the parking lot.
10. A timber border around the rear playground is needed to contain the escaping mulch.
11. Significant land disturbance will require new water quality measures (BMPs) per the Virginia Runoff Reduction Method (VRRM). Possible facilities include Filterstrips, pervious pavement and bioretention areas. If the existing underground detention needs to be replaced in the future, a facility such as StormTech with isolator row could provide both quantity and quality control.
12. Some seam repair is needed along the existing asphalt path around the fields, and new pavement is required for ADA access to the dugout.
13. There are existing large rocks and debris in the outdoor classroom area adjacent to the play fields that could be a safety hazard.
14. ADA access to the play courts needs further review. A second ADA compliant egress may be required.
15. The grate inlet in the western courtyard needs the surrounding bricks removed to allow rainage. Grade may need to be adjusted in the eastern courtyard to allow flow to existing inlet.

**PROVIDENCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** Facility Condition Assessment City of Fairfax Schools  
**Priority 1 Improvements:**

1. The rear dumpster fence has exposed nails, warped wood, rusting bolts, and splinters; and needs to be replaced as soon as possible for safety purposes.
  - Sight distance looking left out the eastern entrance is minimal. Tree trimming is needed at a minimum.
  - Crosswalks are missing across two vehicular entrances.
  - An ADA parking space sign is missing.
  - There are several tripping hazards along the existing sidewalks where previous grade is not flush with the sidewalk.
  - ADA access to the fields from the ADA parking space in the rear lot is needed.

**Priority 2 Improvements:**

1. The remaining portion of the dumpster fence and gates are warping and is in poor condition

**Priority 3 Improvements:**

1. Several ADA curb ramps are non-compliant and need to be replaced.
2. The asphalt is in poor condition, with alligator cracking suggesting subbase failure, throughout the site and needs to be fully replaced in areas. There are some areas that could be milled and overlaid and/or Petromat added to increase structural integrity of the asphalt section. If just milling and overlay is completed in the failing portions, the cracking will come back and the asphalt section will continue to fail. Crosswalk and parking space painting needs to be replaced as part of this upgrade. For the paved play area, the overlay needs to be applied to allow for drainage away from the building.
3. The parking area at the rear of the building can be expanded to accommodate additional parking spaces.
4. Cracks and chips were observed in some of the curb and gutter and sidewalk.
5. The dumpster pad is in poor condition and likely needs to be replaced, especially with bollard and fence/gate replacement.
6. Fire lane painting was missing and/or flaking off throughout the site.
7. The stonedust path to the field area is overgrown and needs repair/replacement.
8. The dumpster bollards are missing.
9. 4-foot chain link fence gates are missing to the small, rear paved play area.
10. Fences and gates throughout the site are in need of minor repairs and repainting.
11. The opening of curb inlet in the large paved play area is large and a possible safety hazard. Bars or other means to reduce the opening without impacting drainage are needed.
12. Numerous bare earth and eroded areas were observed around the site.
13. Several canopy trees shown on the approved site plan are missing from the bus loop area.
14. Significant land disturbance will require new water quality measures (BMPs) per the Virginia Runoff Reduction Method (VRRM). Possible facilities include Filterstrips, pervious pavement and bioretention areas. If the existing underground detention needs to be replaced in the future, a facility such as StormTech with isolator row could provide both quantity and quality control.
15. A power pole in the baseball field area is leaning and needs to be repaired/replaced.



## **Katherine Johnson Middle School**

### **Priority 1 Improvements**

1. There are no site improvements suggested.

### **Priority 2 Improvements:**

1. Walkers' access to the site from Bevan Dr needs to be safer. A new sidewalk providing a straighter path to the main entrance of the building, new crosswalk striping, and a fence to block walking through the small parking lot is suggested.
2. There are several tripping hazards along the existing sidewalks where pervious grade is not flush with the sidewalk. There is also an area where topsoil and sod is needed to provide better drainage away from the building.
3. A grate inlet along the side of the play fields is too small and clogged. It is suggested to replace this inlet top with a DI-1 structure with a concrete collar. Grades around and to this inlet should be adjust to provide better drainage.

### **Priority 3 Improvements:**

1. The middle dumpster wall is not ideal for usability and longevity of the dumpster area.

## **Fairfax High School**

### **Priority 1 Improvements:**

1. There are 2-18" culverts with an asphalt path over and handrails crossing the stream from Pinehurst Ave that are failing. The asphalt path is eroding into the stream, causing a safety hazard for students walking this path. It is suggested to replace the culverts with a box culvert to provide a better crossing.
2. There are several grates, structure tops and trench grates that are loose and need to be bolted down.

### **Priority 2 Improvements:**

1. There is no ADA access down to the stadium and fields from the building. Provide approximately three (3) switchback ramps with handrails to the stadium from the parking lot. Due to the significant grade drop, retaining walls will be needed.
2. Handrails are missing at the top of a portion of the stadium on the home side.
3. There are several tripping hazards along the existing sidewalks where previous grade is not flush with the sidewalk.
4. Several curb inlets have debris blocking drainage and need to be cleaned out.
5. There is no ADA access from the rear ADA parking spaces to the Academy entrance or from the ADA parking spaces to the building and stadium, provide crosswalks.

### **Priority 3 Improvements:**

1. There is an ADA parking space with a charger station that is missing a compliant ADA sign and path. There is also sidewalk/crosswalk access missing from the remaining front parking lot ADA parking spaces. Several trees will need to be removed and replaced/relocated with the associated ADA access improvements.
2. There is a light pole in the middle of the sidewalk at the northeast corner of the building, move into grass area.
3. Several ADA curb ramps are non-compliant and need to be replaced, along with a couple of new curb ramps to provide adequate ADA access.
4. Cracking suggesting subbase failure throughout the site and needs to be fully replaced in most areas. There are some areas that could be milled and overlaid and/or Petromat added to increase structural integrity of the asphalt section. If just milling and overlay is completed in the failing portions, the cracking will come back and the asphalt section will continue to fail. Crosswalk and parking space painting needs to be replaced as part of this upgrade.
5. Additional parking is needed and is suggested at the rear of the site.
6. Cracks and chips were observed in some of the curb and gutter and sidewalk, and some curb and gutter could be adjusted to provide better drainage. Some sidewalk also needs to be replaced to have ADA compliant slopes.
7. Concrete aprons to the field need to be replaced to be ADA compliant.
8. Some fire lane painting was missing and/or flaking off throughout the site.
9. Minor seam repair is needed in the tennis courts.
10. There are several areas where expansion joints are wide or missing. They should be cleaned out, filled with sand and caulked.
11. Some fences and gates throughout the site are in need of minor repairs and repainting.
12. Numerous bare earth and eroded areas were observed around the site.
13. Several canopy trees shown on the approved site plan are missing from the parking lots.
14. The practice baseball field is missing skin.
15. Several water valves in the parking lot need to be raised to be flush with the asphalt.
16. The grate inlets along the asphalt path around the track are too low, causing a tripping hazard, and need to be raised to be flush with the asphalt, while still at a low point.