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Richmond Public Schools
William Fox Elementary School
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Narrative

William Fox Elementary experienced increased enrollment after rezoning to the Fan District and the closure of Clark Springs Elementary School. William Fox Elementary has a functional capacity of 480. During 2017/2018 the enrollment numbers were at 530. Classroom sizes are averaging 25:1. RPS functional classrooms are 18:1-19:1. Larger than RPS average classroom sizes has impacted testing scores. We are expecting enrollment numbers to remain consistent at 530 for the next two to three years. As a result of lower test scores RPS has attempted to improve the test scores with the following:

- Pals Tutor
- Academic Interventionist
- Additional Fifth grade teacher with no classroom
- Additional Kindergarten teacher with no classroom

This project is to provide 2 temporary classroom modular units 24' x 68' located to the left rear of the school with a covered walkway in an effort to reduce classroom sizes and provide the same RPS functional classroom size to the students of William Fox Elementary. Work is scheduled to be substantially completed by the first week of school.

The School Administration is currently working with the City of Richmond to build 3 new schools.

Site Plan:

Please see the attached site plans for the proposed temporary modular building on the existing William Fox site.

Since this is temporary and located on the existing asphalt behind the school and in front of the playground with existing trees on the street side no landscaping is proposed for this project, however RPS is open to recommendations.

The modular classrooms will have the following exterior characteristics:

- Exterior lighting will be installed under the walkway canopy and over each door;
- Hardipanel beige exterior siding;
- Contrasting Hard trim;
- White EPDM roof; and
- Steel doors with half lite glass

Once enrollment numbers decrease to the RPS functional level, or a plan to address the overcrowding has been implemented, and space in the permanent building is available the temporary modular buildings will be removed. This includes all associated walkways and utilities. The site will be returned to its original condition.

The site design and construction for this project was procured through our existing term contract with an A & E firm. The temporary modular was secured through our normal procurement bid procedure.

If further information is required, or clarification, please contact Mr. Ronald Hathaway, Director of Facilities, Richmond Public Schools by telephone, at 804-325-0740, or email at rhathawa@rvaschools.net.