Item #4

TO: Architectural Review Board
FROM: Erik F. Nelson, Senior Planner
DATE: 11 January 2016
RE: **201 Ferdinand Street (Old Walker-Grant School) – exterior alterations**

Susan Pryor and Doug Westmoreland, of Moseley Architects and representing Fredericksburg City Schools, request a Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior alterations at Old Walker-Grant School. The original school at 200 Gunnery Road is a three story building constructed in 1935. Across the road is Fredericksburg's first African-American high school, a segregated institution in its day, but also an excellent example of mid-twentieth century public architecture. Its address is 201 Ferdinand Street and that building (sometimes referred to as Old Walker-Grant) was constructed in 1951 and significantly expanded in 1960. Elevators were added in 2000.

The Walker-Grant School at 201 Ferdinand Street is the subject of this application. It is being renovated to house several new functions and requires extensive upgrades to meet current public education construction standards. The necessary changes relate to energy efficiency as well as to the security of the school building. This work will include the following:

- Reconfigure three entryways
    - Main entry facing Ferdinand St. Construct a two-story glass vestibule with brick accent wall. See Drawings A7 and A9.
    - Two entryways facing Dunmore St. Construct one-story glass vestibules with brick accent walls. See Drawings A8, A10, and A11.
- Replace all existing windows with energy efficient aluminum storefront windows.
- Cap walls with metal coping.
- Install mechanical units on roof.

This application should be considered within the context of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, referenced in City Code Section 72-23.1.D.2, as follows:

1. The property has been in use as a school, but the upgrades will allow a fuller use of this educational facility.
2. The distinguishing original qualities of this building are its brick walls, banks of windows, and pre-cast concrete trim. The masonry walls and trim will remain intact, but the windows need to be replaced. The replacement units will fit within the existing openings and will reflect the horizontal breaks of the original windows, while enhancing energy efficiency and security.
3. The proposed alterations will not impart a false sense of historic development.

4. The metal walkway covers, installed in 2000 when the elevators were built, will be removed. These features are not thought to have attained significance in their own right.
5. The distinctive stylistic features that characterize the building will be retained.
6. The deteriorated windows are outdated and inadequate for the continued use of the building as a school. Their replacements are consistent with the materials and design of the originals.
7. Not applicable.
8. Not applicable.
9. The contemporary design of the entryways does not destroy significant historic material and is compatible with the scale, material, and character of the property.
10. The proposed alterations do not impair the essential form and integrity of the historic structure.

Staff finds the proposed work at the Old Walker-Grant School to be architecturally compatible with the historic aspects of the Historic District and recommends approval of 12 submitted drawings.

↑
second entry facing Dunmore St
(North elevation)

New configuration shown on
drawing A11

↑
Current entry Facing Dunmore Street
(North elevation)

New configuration shown
on drawing A10

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2nd entry

current entryway facing Ferdinand Street
(East elevation)

New configuration shown on drawing A9

ORIGINAL WALKER-GRANT SCHOOL

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IMAGE: GOOGLE MAPS

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EXISTING AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH

SCALE 1"=30'
0 30' 60'

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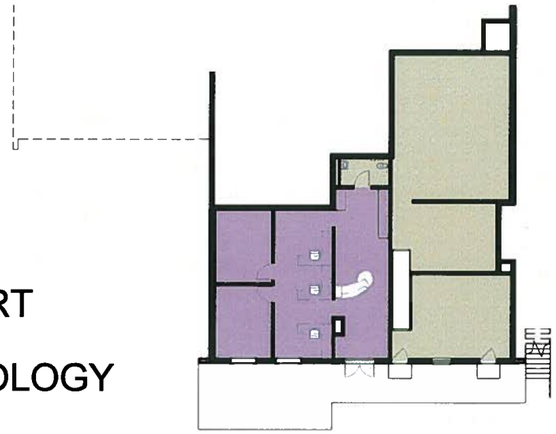
PROPOSED SITE PLAN

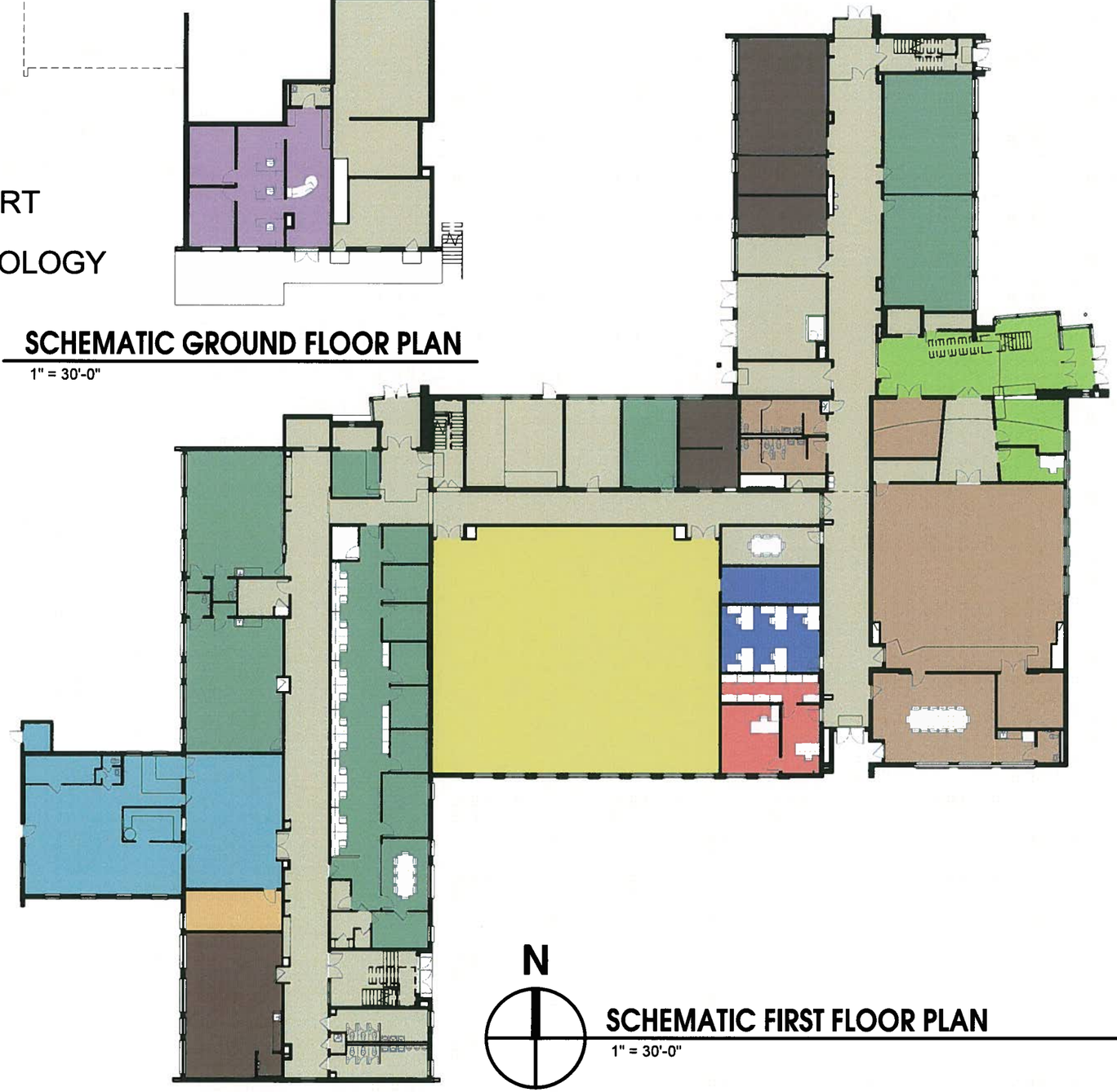
LEGEND

- SUPPORT
- TECHNOLOGY



SCHEMATIC GROUND FLOOR PLAN

1" = 30'-0"



LEGEND

- ASSESSMENT & ACCOUNTABILITY
- BUILDING RECEPTION
- CAFETERIA
- COMMUNITY CENTER
- EARLY CHILDHOOD
- FINANCE
- GYMNASIUM
- HEAD START
- PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES
- SUPPORT

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SCHEMATIC FIRST FLOOR PLAN

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BASEMENT & FIRST FLOOR PLAN

LEGEND

- ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
- EARLY CHILDHOOD
- FINANCE
- HEAD START
- INSTRUCTION
- PERSONNEL
- PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES
- SUPERINTENDENT
- SUPPORT

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SCHEMATIC SECOND FLOOR PLAN

1" = 30'-0"

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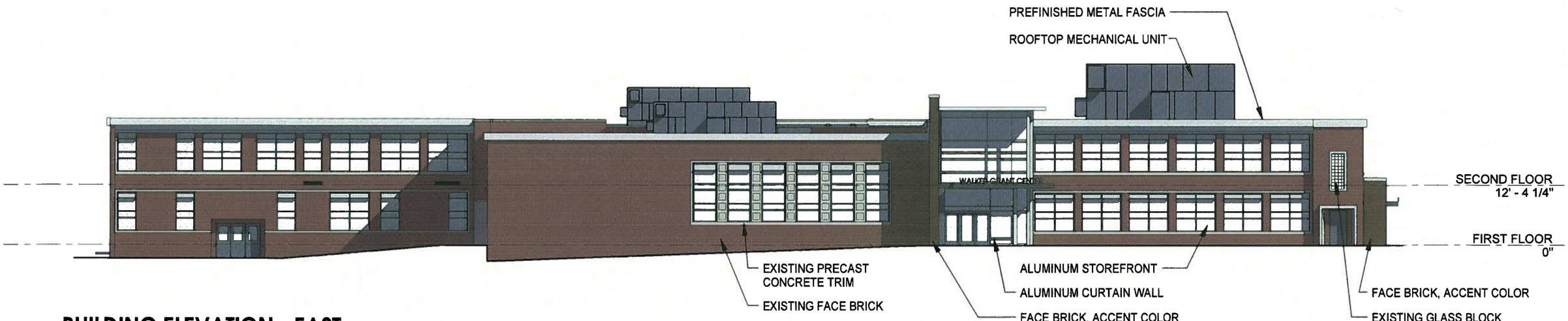
SECOND FLOOR PLAN

BUILDING ELEVATION - SOUTH

1" = 20'-0"



BUILDING ELEVATION - EAST

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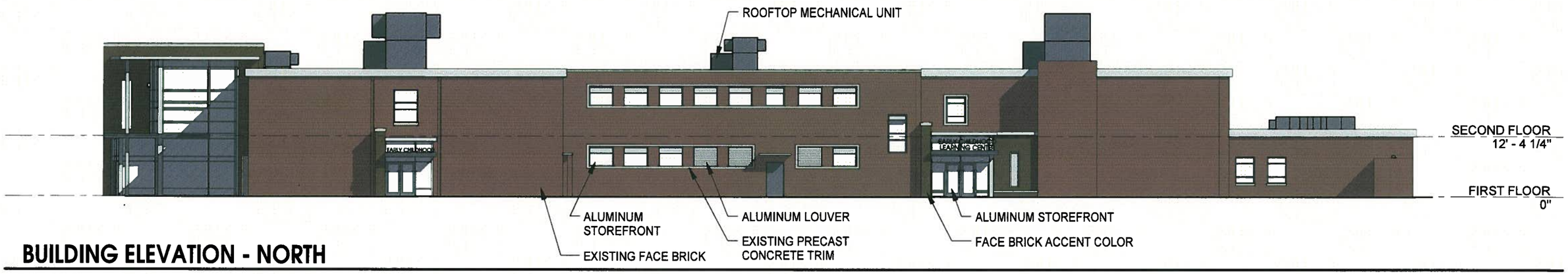
EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS



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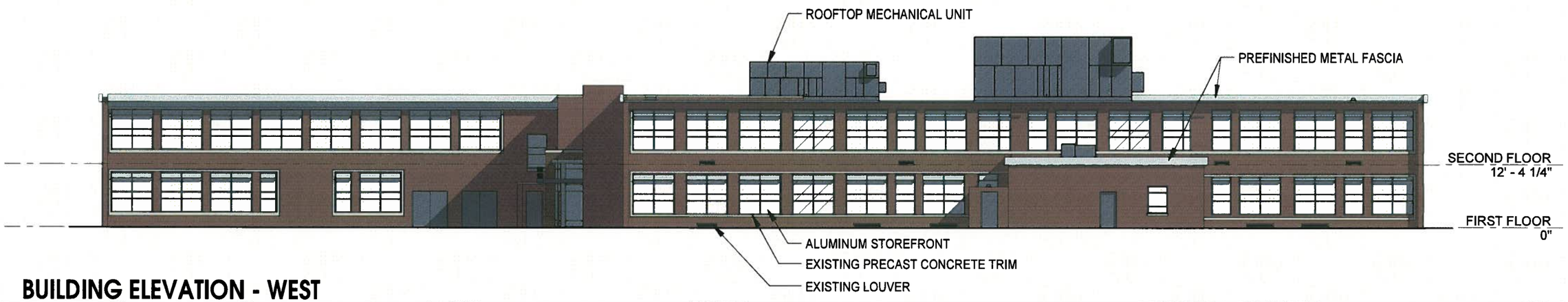

BUILDING ELEVATION - WEST

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3-D RENDERING

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