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Arlington Public Schools installing portable to add additional classroom space at Presidents Elementary

ARLINGTON- A used portable classroom building is being installed just north of Presidents Elementary School. The portable, purchased from Monroe Public Schools in December 2018 for \$50,000, will provide space for the Developmental Preschool currently located inside Presidents. The relocation of the preschool creates more space at Presidents for two new K-5 classrooms inside the existing school.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to create more instructional space at a relatively low cost by acquiring this used portable building," said Brian Lewis, Executive Director of Operations for Arlington Public Schools. "A new portable building would cost about \$200,000 more than this one, so we were able to use the savings to pay for most of the installation costs."

Crews have spent the past week adding utilities and leveling the ground for the portable. The 2,483 square foot building will have two classrooms in addition to two bathrooms and a kitchen for the preschool.

The project was partially funded by a transfer to the district's Capital Projects Fund and was included in the 2018-19 school budget.

The Developmental Preschool will begin operating in its new location in September 2019.

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