

June 28, 2023

Facilities, Transportation, and Safe Schools

Safety:

- Installation of the window security film is scheduled to begin on June 27, 2023. We are first starting with the main entrances and some of their auxiliary windows. Later in July and early August we will be adding the film to some of our lower windows.
- On June 13, 2023, Marshelle Watkins-Blackwell and I participated in a Zoom meeting with Live Well Newport in preparation for our safety audit that will take place in August. The purpose of this is to evaluate the safety of those who walk and bike to school. The initial focus will be on the commonly used routes at NIS and NPS. Marshelle will be communicating additional information and a request for volunteers as we get closer to the event.
- The Kentucky Center for School Safety joined us for our End of the Year Retreat on June 1. We were all trained in Threat Assessment and its protocols to be used in each of our schools. Also, on this day, I walked our administrative staff through the process that we would follow in the event of one of our schools being relocated to due to an emergency or necessary situation.
- The Kentucky Department for Public Health offered free High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filtration units to all K-12 schools. We took advantage of this opportunity and now have 6 units for use in our buildings. The total value of these items is roughly \$21,000.
- Schools will soon begin working on their emergency operations plans for the 23-24 school year.
 Beginning this year, we must also include a Cardiac Emergency Plan as a part of our EOP. Also, it
 is required that schools have on-site and maintain AEDs. We have had AEDs in our buildings for
 many years. We currently have 8 devices and will be purchasing additional devices for the
 athletic department.
- Completed the annual update training for Safe Schools Coordinator on June 6, 2023.

Facilities

Work Order Status (as of 6-22-23)

| Date | Work Orders Received | Work Orders | Work Orders Active |
|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| | | Completed | |
| July 1, 2022 – June 22, | 635 | 583 | 52 |
| 2023 | | | |

- The official punch list for the NPS kitchen and cafeteria renovation took place on June 12, 2023. We are working closely with the architect and the general contractor to resolve all remaining issues or concerns.
- The stadium project is proceeding well and as planned. The demolition has been completed and the site preparation is underway. Plumbers and electricians are on site installing their conduit

- and piping prior to the arrival of concrete. We hope the project stays within the timeline and that we can have our first home game on September 22, 2023.
- The roofing project at NPS was able to begin early. The contractors started removing the rock from the roof on June 19. Originally the project was not going to begin until July. We took advantage of the early start so we can hopefully eliminate some of the disruption early in the school year.
- We are currently working with Advanced Mechanical NKY to replace vital equipment within the chiller of NIS. This unit has needed repair for the past couple of years. We are on borrowed time and do not want to risk the chance of having the unit go down on a high-demand day, especially if school is in session. If it were to go down NIS would not have air conditioning for several weeks. We are hoping the repairs will be made prior to the first day of school.
- The architects and engineers are meeting with me often in preparation for the boiler replacement for the Welcome Center and NIS. Once I have a start date, I will keep you updated.

Transportation:

- Camp Wildcat is coming to a close. The transportation department successfully met the needs for all field trips and daily transportation to and from school.
- We are currently working on the agenda for the annual 8-hour update training for our drivers and monitors that will take place in early August.

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