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Facilities, Transportation, Safe Schools, and Evaluation

Safety:

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- The Newport Fire Department conducted witnessed fire drills at all schools. No concerns.

Facilities

- The boiler project at NIS and the Welcome Center is progressing as planned. Three new water boilers to supply heat to NIS are in place. One of the original existing water boilers is up and running now to provide NIS heat until the new units are completed connected. This will take place during the Winter Break. The steam boiler for the Welcome Center underwent repairs to make it operational for one more winter. The new steam boiler will be installed once all parts have arrived. Most likely this will occur in early Spring.
- The new bleachers at the stadium have passed all necessary inspections. We are now moving our focus to the planning and development of Phase II. Due to the floodplain, we are unable to construct a brick-and-mortar restroom facility near the bleachers. A solution is to purchase self-contained mobile restroom units. These units will have their own fresh water and black tanks. I have received approval from our local zoning and state-level plumbing inspector. I am now waiting to hear from KDE if we can make this purchase using project funds. More details will be shared as we receive additional information.
- We are currently replacing the roof on the maintenance building at the stadium. This building houses many pieces of equipment along with our winter rock salt. Unfortunately, the existing roof is beyond repair and needed a full replacement.

Transportation:

- We were able to trade-in the 2013 Ford E350 15 passenger van to help make the purchase of 2021 Kia Sedona mini-van that is being used to transport our McKinney-Vento students. This has been a positive addition to our fleet and has allowed greater flexibility to meet our needs.
- I have been working closely with TANK to provide an additional bus for the West End of town for our morning route. Buses were overcrowded. For the past 3 weeks TANK has provided this and it is working well.
- We hired a substitute bus monitor to our staff to have available as needed. She has gone through her training period and will be a great addition to our staff.
- We are still patiently waiting for Bus 6 to arrive. Our latest update is that it was in route to Georgetown, KY.

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