



September 28, 2022

Facilities, Transportation, and Safe Schools

Safety:

- Installed a magnet lock between NIS and the Welcome Center to prevent anyone (intruder) from the Welcome Center to enter NIS.
- Installed a key fob entry to the SRO offices of all schools. This is to secure essential equipment in the event of an emergency and so all NPD can access the equipment.
- Installed a new intercom system at NIS for greater visibility of visitors at the front offices. Also, installed the same system on the desks of the SRO's so they can see who is coming into the buildings. A new intercom system will also be installed at the Welcome Center.
- Installed key fob entries at the NIS gymnasium to control the use of keys and for another access point for first responders in the event of an emergency.
- Working with Mobilcomm to install radio repeaters at all schools to allow for city-wide communication in the event of an emergency.
- Requested a quote to purchase Stryker evacuation chairs to be available at all schools. This is to aid in the safe evacuation from the second floor for anyone with specific disabilities.
- Installed LifeVac choking rescue devices in the cafeterias of NIS and NHS.
- Lighting has been repaired on the front porch of NIS to increase visibility for safety and security.

Facilities

- I have created an on-line work order system that tracks all work orders. As of 9-22-22 we have sixty-three active work orders and have completed 174 since the system began.
- Construction delays continue to push the timeline for completion at NPS. The latest schedule reflects the kitchen and cafeteria to be turned over to the owner on December 14.
- A meeting took place on Monday, September 26 to discuss the upcoming Culinary Arts project at NHS.
- New concrete steps have been installed at the Welcome Center coming in from the parking lot to accommodate new doors that are currently being installed.
- Flooring on the second floor of the Welcome Center saw many delays due to abatement and overall extended deterioration of the subflooring. The flooring in this area is expected to be finished by fall break. Also, in this area we have a painter scheduled and new lighting to be installed by our maintenance staff.
- Stadium testing occurred September 19-21. We hope to have a report for this meeting.
- We are currently working to schedule the repairs to the front façade of the Welcome Center. Waiting for a start date by the company.
- Pressure washing, patching, and painting of the Welcome Center foundation walls will begin soon.

- New bathroom stalls will be installed at NIS over fall break. Restrooms at NIS have been acid-washed and sealed. Touchless flush valves have been added to the first-floor restrooms.
- New water fountain with bottle filling station installed at the Adult Learning Center.
- Our new groundskeeper is doing an excellent job maintaining the grounds. Doing this in-house is saving the district a considerable amount of funds.
- Tree trimming is taking place throughout the district.
- I have created an “available furniture” document that all staff can access so we can eliminate items in storage. Each month I will be bringing items to the Board for approval for surplus to alleviate storage issues.

Transportation:

- We are currently communicating with TANK for an additional bus for the morning and afternoon runs due to overcrowding.
- An additional bus driver is in the process of being hired. We have enough buses to run another route each day to eliminate any waiting lists. We currently have about fifty students on the list. The new route will begin shortly after the fall break.
- We are researching the purchase of twenty-two passenger Type C bus. This will be able to assist with McKinney-Vento students and smaller group trips to avoid taking a 70-passenger bus for a small number of riders.
- We have added an additional run in the morning to support the 21st Century Morning Program. This will begin October 3, 2022.
- Currently working to find a driver to do a 5:00 pm run to support the 21st Century after school clubs.

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