



October 26, 2022

Facilities, Transportation, and Safe Schools

Safety:

- New two-way radios have been ordered for all schools. Current radios are unreliable and beyond repair. This is the best alternative for safety and reliability.
- Installed a new exterior light fixture at the Welcome Center (coming in from the parking lot) to increase visibility.
- Stryker Evacuation Chairs (2) have been ordered for NHS. These are to aid in the evacuation of individuals that cannot navigate stairs during an emergency.
- Waiting for an installation date for a new intercom system to be installed at the Welcome Center.
- Waiting for an installation date from Mobilcomm to install radio repeaters at all schools to allow for city-wide communication in the event of an emergency.
- Staff have received an instructional video explaining the use of the LifeVac choking rescue devices that were installed in the cafeterias of NIS and NHS.

Facilities

- Work Order Status (as of 10-20-22)

| Date | Work Orders Received | Work Orders Active | Work Orders Completed |
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| July 1 – October 19, 22 | 301 | 69 | 232 |

- Construction progress is occurring at NPS. Over the fall break considerable progress was made and the project is getting closer to completion.
- Met with Noah Onkst, Jennifer Hoover, and Rachel Ball on October 10 to look at the culinary project at NHS. Drawings are being created for future discussion and next steps.
- New doors have been installed at the Welcome Center, coming in from the parking lot and in the SPED Department.
- Flooring on the second floor of the Welcome Center has resumed. We are hoping the project is completed by the end of October. Also, in this area we have a painter scheduled and new lighting to be installed by our maintenance staff.
- Trisco is working on the front façade of the Welcome Center to replace missing caulk in joints and to do tuck pointing. We are hoping this work will stop the leak in the foyer and allow us to repair the drywall.
- The outside foundation walls of the Welcome Center have been patched and painted. We are waiting for one set of doors to be painted but otherwise the project is complete.

- New bathroom stalls were installed at NIS over the fall break. They are durable and should last a long time.
- Working with American Sound to replace broken and malfunctioning clocks at NIS and NHS. Also, looking to add digital clocks to the NHS cafeteria to assist with lunch time dismissals.
- Tree trimming is continuing throughout the district.

Transportation:

- We were unable to work out a plan with TANK to provide transportation for our high school after school clubs. However, since we have added an additional driver, we are able to do this with one of our yellow buses.
- Our new driver is working out well and this has allowed all students/families in Newport to ride a bus without being on a waiting list.
- (Still in progress) 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.
- On October 11-13, 2022, I attended the KDE Driver Trainer Workshop for Directors. At this training I learned the information that is taught to our Driver Trainer. This increased my knowledge of the process to better understand our requirements and ability to provide support.
- Hired a bus monitor to replace one that took another position at the high school.

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