



**December 14, 2022**

**Facilities, Transportation, and Safe Schools**

**Safety:**

- On December 6, 2022, the Kentucky Center for School Safety conducted safety assessments at Newport High School and Newport Intermediate School. Overall, the assessments were positive, and we had no negligent or blatant physical issues with either of the buildings. We were provided a preliminary list of precautionary items to address. I have communicated these precautions to all staff and will continue to do so upon receiving the final report. Furthermore, we have proactively scheduled Active Supervision training for Newport Intermediate staff and Gate Keeper training for all office staff across the district. Trainings will take place on February 15.
- (On-going) Waiting for an installation date for a new intercom system to be installed at the Welcome Center.
- (On-going) 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.
- We have added 3 additional security cameras on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Welcome Center. This will provide video surveillance of the Big Brother Big Sister cafeteria and the hall going to and from the School Based Health Center.
- Based upon the KCSS safety assessment, we are getting a quote to add a camera in the Wildcat Sanctuary area of NIS. During the warmer months teachers utilize this area as an outdoor classroom.

**Facilities**

- Work Order Status (as of 12-8-22)

| Date                      | Work Orders Received | Work Orders Completed | Work Orders Active |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| July 1 – December 8, 2022 | 387                  | 333                   | 54                 |

- The timeline for construction at NPS (Cafeteria and Kitchen) is still on pace for completion around January 15, 2023. Numerous barriers have delayed completion. We have made provisions to keep the mobile kitchen through the duration. Also, there is a delay for the permanent heating and air for the gym and cafeteria. We have purchased and installed temporary heating in the gymnasium and the cafeteria. Once we have occupancy of the cafeteria the temporary heating will be enough to allow the student to eat in that space.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Welcome Center is currently being painted. Once the space is finished it will house our McKinney Vento program, the Big Brother Big Sister cafeteria, and provide space for our 21<sup>st</sup> Century program.

- Phase 1 of the Athletic Complex is underway. Numerous companies have been on-site to gain information to proceed with next steps. We have removed the aluminum bleachers. We were able to get \$2075.00 for scrap. These funds will go into the stadium account for future use. We have also removed the fencing in front of the bleachers so that core drilling can take place in preparation for the new foundations needed for the bleachers. All equipment and athletic items will be removed from under the bleachers by February 15 to maintain the timeline for demolition.
- We are in the early stages of replacing the roof at the Newport Primary School. Portions of the roof are 30 years old. This work will likely begin in the later part of 2023.
- We are also in the early stages of replacing the HVAC system at the Welcome Center. Portions of the Welcome Center are heated from the 1963 boiler, which is not going to last much longer. Multiple repairs have been made to the boiler over the years and it has reached a point where it is no longer cost effective to continue with repairs. Also, portions of the Welcome Center are air conditioned from the NIS units or individual window units. Again, this is not cost effective and will be corrected with the renovation. This work will likely begin in May of 2024.
- (On-going) Waiting for 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.
- The NHS band room will receive new flooring during our Winter Break. This should conclude all flooring upgrades at NHS.

#### Transportation:

- We have purchased new camera systems for all our buses. The new system will allow for monitoring in the front, middle, and rear of each bus. Also, the system includes cameras for our stop signs. Camera footage will be submitted to law enforcement if someone runs a stop sign. We have been told that we will be supported after submitting the video. The new systems will be installed at the beginning of 2023.

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