



**April 26, 2023**

**Facilities, Transportation, and Safe Schools**

**Safety:**

- I have researched the installation of bullet resistant glass for our entry areas. At this point the prices are not feasible. However, I did meet with a representative from ESP Window Tinting to price a security film to be placed over our glass at the entry ways and lower windows of each building. This film could slow an intruder to allow more time for action and arrival of first responders. I am still waiting for the quote, but early indicators make this a more viable option.
- Newport Schools, particularly Newport Intermediate, will be partnering with LiveWell Newport to look at the safety of some of the routes that students may walk/bike to get to school and back home. The committee will be meeting again on May 9, and I will be able to get additional information at that time.
- I have met with a fence company to enclose the courtyard at NHS. This was a safety recommendation per the KCSS Assessment. I have received the quote and we will get this started over the summer. Also, as a part of their recommendations we will be installing bollards at the front entrance of NHS and by the cafeteria doors to deter anyone from driving a vehicle into the building. I have received quotes for these, and they will be ordered this summer.
- The Kentucky Center for School Safety will be with us on June 1 to attend our end of the year administrative retreat. All district and school level administrators will be trained in Threat Assessment and the KCSS team will help us create our parent communication and reunification plan.
- Ms. Stewart and I will be attending a KCSS/Secret Service training on April 25.

**Facilities**

- Work Order Status (as of 4-20-23)

Date	Work Orders Received	Work Orders Completed	Work Orders Active
July 1 – April 20, 2023	585	534	51

- The roof top HVAC units have been installed on NPS for the cafeteria, kitchen, and gymnasium. All units are working and only a few items are left for the controls. Also, for this renovation, they have installed new signage in the lobby and cafeteria. A new media center (television and sound system) has been installed in the cafeteria for meetings, parent/community events. The tree trunk will be installed early in May. Only finer details remain for the entire project.
- On April 19, I participated in a pre-construction Zoom meeting with our contractor for the stadium project. The asbestos removal should be completed by April 21 and demolition should begin on or around May 1. The demolition phase should take approximately 4 weeks.

- The NPS roof project is currently out for bid. We will have the pre-bid meeting at NPS on April 27. Bids will be due May 9. Our goal is to have this finished before school begins in August.
- We have requested a redesign of the vocational space at the high school as it pertained to the original “Culinary” project. Culinary will still be a part of the new offerings for our students, however we have also created spaces that will allow the NHS to expand other vocational options to its students.
- We are currently working with the architect to begin the process of replacing our steam boiler in the Welcome Center. This has been an on-going maintenance concern and will hopefully be operational when we need it later this Fall.
- The 23-24 Facilities and Transportation budget requests are completed and submitted to Ms. Hoover.

Transportation:

- We are currently working with our 21<sup>st</sup> Century Coordinator and the schools to provide transportation for our summer programs.
- For next year’s transportation requests, we have created zones within our city to allow for priority seating to reduce students living the furthest from their school from not having a seat on the bus.

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