



May 24, 2023

Facilities, Transportation, and Safe Schools

Safety:

- We are going to move forward with the installation of the Window Security Film that I spoke about at the last meeting. We will do this in two phases. First, we will start with the entrances to all buildings and will then move on to lower windows. Both phases should be finished before the start of the 23-24 school year.
- 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. **(Follow up: I participated in a webinar to learn more about this project. I am waiting to hear from the local organizer to see our next steps.)**
- 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. **(Follow up: I spent many hours developing our district reunification plan. This will be a very detailed and thorough plan. This will be shared on June 1 with district administrators. A plan will be developed for how we will communicate this to the entire staff.)**
- For the 23-24 school year, every classroom and office will be equipped with an emergency to-go backpack that will be filled with first aid items and the district reunification plan information.

Facilities

- Work Order Status (as of 5-18-23)

Date	Work Orders Received	Work Orders Completed	Work Orders Active
July 1, 2022 – May 18, 2023	613	562	51

- The tree trunk has been installed at NPS. There are a few punch list items that we are still working through but hopefully these items will be addressed in the coming weeks.
- The stadium demolition is going well. We hope the project stays within timeline and that we can have our first home game on September 22, 2023.
- On May 16, I participated in a pre-construction Zoom meeting for the NPS Roofing Project. Ace Exteriors will be able to begin the project on July 3, 2023. Our hope for completion is mid-September.
- 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. **(Follow up: After many conversations with Ms. Hoover, Mr. Grayson, and with our architect, we have reached a compromise that will keep our project within budget and allow for additional CTE programming at NHS, such as Culinary, Cosmetology, and Logistics. Overall, this is a great opportunity for our district.)**

- 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. **(Follow up: In addition to the issues that we have faced with the Welcome Center steam boiler, we now, unfortunately, have concerns with the 30-year-old water boilers that supply heat to the Newport Intermediate School. I have requested a quote to see if we can replace those boilers as well. Likely this will be an Emergency BG due to equipment failure. To have these in place by the time we need heat we will need to follow that process.)**

Transportation:

- We are currently using the Camp Wildcat (summer programming) rosters to determine our routes for transportation.
- 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. **(Follow up: The zones have been created and we will next begin the design for how this will look and work on the district website.)**

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