



January 24, 2024

Facilities, Transportation, Safe Schools, and Evaluation

Safety:

- Last month we replaced a backboard at the NHS gym but since we had to make repairs to the remaining backboard. All backboards and rims are safe and meet all requirements.
- The Kentucky Center for School Safety will be conducting an assessment of the NPS in March of 2024. This will be an in-depth assessment of the building evaluating all things related to student and staff safety.
- On January 18 and 19 we installed cameras on our new buses, #6 and #7, new Kia mini-van (McKinney Vento) and added additional cameras to our other buses.
- All schools completed their required January safety drills for the 2nd semester return.

Facilities

- During last week's cold temperatures, we discovered that the NPS cafeteria heat unit was not operating correctly. This unit is still under warranty, so the installers were able to come on-site and get the unit up and running. The Welcome Center has had an on-going issue with some of its Daiken heat pump units and we are waiting for the necessary parts to make the repairs. Other than that, there were only isolated issues that Mr. Lewis was able to address.
- No additional updates on the boiler project currently. We are waiting for materials to arrive to continue the work. Three new water boilers to supply heat to NIS are in place. One of the original existing water boilers is up and running now to provide NIS heat until the new units are completely connected. The steam boiler for the Welcome Center underwent repairs to make it operational for one more winter. The new steam boiler will be installed once all parts have arrived. Most likely this will occur in early Spring.
- Our architect is currently working on the technical drawings for the CTE project that will take place at NHS. In the coming weeks we will have a timeline for the work schedule.
- We are currently making plans to relocate the Newport School of Innovation from its current location on Park Street to the Welcome Center. We have space on the second floor to accommodate the program. We currently spend over \$40,000 to lease the space. For approximately \$10,500 we can renovate the space and save general fund dollars moving forward.

Transportation:

- We are requesting the Board to surplus Bus #2. This is a 2005 International bus. It no longer meets the KDE requirements to keep it in use. We do still have a spare bus in the event one of our regular buses goes down for repair.
- New cameras were installed on our new buses and the Kia mini-van (McKinney Vento) on January 18 and 19. Additional cameras were added to our existing camera systems so we can see the driver and the license plate for anyone that runs a bus stop sign.
- We hired an additional substitute bus monitor to have available when substitutes are needed.

Evaluation:

- We are requesting approval for a new software option for us to use for our evaluation process and the tracking and scheduling of our professional development. This software will also allow us to complete our walkthrough observations. Overall, this transition can save the district close to \$20,000.

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