



**February 27, 2024**

**Facilities, Transportation, Safe Schools, and Evaluation**

**Safety:**

- On February 22, we participated in a Zoom meeting with Navigate to investigate the possibility of purchasing their Threat Assessment Case Manager add-on. This product will serve as our clearinghouse for all threat assessments, and it will thoroughly take every situation through a consistent process that will help us determine the level of a threat and provide us guidance on any necessary next steps. Each time a threat assessment is conducted an alert will notify central office staff so we can always be aware of a situation. This software will allow all assessments to carry forward from NPS to NIS and then on to NHS.
- The Kentucky Center for School Safety will be conducting a safety assessment at NPS on March 5, 2024. This will be an in-depth assessment of the building evaluating all things related to student and staff safety.
- Mr. Adams and I are currently working on adding additional cameras at NIS, NHS, and repairs on a couple of cameras at NPS.

**Facilities**

- The Kentucky Board of Education approved our waiver to build our restroom facilities within the floodplain. The restrooms will be constructed on the raised landing at the bottom of the 9<sup>th</sup> Street steps. Our architect is aware, and we are currently waiting on some survey information to move forward.
- The maintenance staff is currently focusing on the NPS to address any issues prior to our safety audit.
- All schools have submitted their summer “wish-lists” for projects and upgrades. I am currently working on the FY25 budget and will do my best to meet their needs.
- 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 renovations to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Welcome Center to relocate the Newport School of Innovation from its current location on Park Street. We are well under budget for the project and this will save the district over \$40,000 on annual lease payments.

**Transportation:**

- The transportation department will tentatively have its required annual 8-hour update training on August 1, 2024.

Evaluation:

- In the next couple of weeks, I will be meeting with all administrators to review the completion of the evaluation process for all certified staff.

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