



**August 28, 2024**

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

**Safety:**

- I have updated all documents associated with our reunification plans. The schools are in the process of updating their emergency backpacks with the updated information. The “rolling reunification tub” is fully stocked and ready in the event of a reunification.
- Silco has performed their official inspections of all buildings. All buildings are in compliance.
- The fire department has visited all schools and all recommendations have been addressed.
- A new layer of playground grade mulch was added to the NPS playground to ensure the proper depth.
- The cameras systems at the stadium and bus lot are now on our network which will allow myself and Mr. Adams the ability to monitor remotely and review footage as necessary from our offices.

**Facilities**

- I am currently working on the creation of the Local Planning Committee for the development of our updated District Facilities Plan. The Board must choose a Board Member to serve on the LPC.
- Blau Mechanical has been working daily in the boiler room making final connections to the new steam boiler that will supply heat to the Welcome Center. As well they are replacing some leaking pipes in the Welcome Center that feed some of the radiators.
- The air conditioning unit has been replaced in the board room.
- The roof on the mobile unit (trailer) has significant leaks. The roof will be replaced on Saturday, August 24 along with new gutters being installed.
- Concrete repairs were made at NHS by the second dumpster and along the cafeteria for their loading area. Additional concrete work will take place at NPS this Fall within the courtyard area and cafeteria loading area.
- Signage has been ordered and is in production for the stadium press box and the Newport School of Innovation.
- On August 22, I met with Josh Tunning and Cassandra Homan (city arborist) to further plan the planting of 26 new trees at the Intermediate School and Welcome Center as a part of the City’s 1000 Tree Grant.
- Unhealthy trees were replaced at the stadium. We have a schedule for watering the trees and this has been working well. Also, a pine tree has died at NHS. This is an older tree and has been there for many years. It appears that the top is dead.

**Transportation:**

- The bus routes, both yellow buses and TANK, have been running smoothly with no major concerns. The addition of the extra TANK bus has proven to be much safer and more accommodating for all of our students that need TANK transportation.

**Evaluation:**

- All schools have delivered evaluation orientation to all staff. I am very pleased with the Vector Evaluations+ software and its ease of use.
- All certified staff are currently working on their self-reflections and professional growth plans.

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