

Facility Update – February 2025

1. Snow Removal

Snowstorms continue to require salting and clearing. On February 10, sidewalks and parking lots were treated to keep the school open while surrounding counties transitioned to NTI. Another round of salting was done on February 16 to allow contractors and workers access at the start of winter break. February 18-19 snow required pre-treatment and plowing/treating affected areas once again. This winter has been particularly harsh, with significant snowfall and freezing conditions increasing operational costs. We have worked diligently to maintain safety throughout these challenges.

2. Annual Lawn Care & Landscaping Agreement

A \$16,880 proposal from Visual Artist Lawn & Landscape Design, LLC has been received for services including weekly mowing (excluding the soccer field), mulching, edging, hedge trimming, weed control, and fall leaf removal.

We have traditionally used Visual Artist Lawn & Landscape for lawn care and landscaping services, and they have stated that their pricing remains among the lowest available. To gain a better point of reference, we invited Zeppa's to submit a quote for comparison. Their proposal includes expanded services such as fertilization, aeration, overseeding, tree & shrub healthcare, and irrigation maintenance. Additionally, this provided an opportunity to explore consolidating multiple vendors into one, potentially streamlining lawn care, landscaping, outdoor athletic field maintenance, and irrigation under a single provider. Quotes are attached for consideration and planning.

When reviewing Zeppa's quote, please note that any items marked "Not Included" are not factored into the total price and would incur additional costs if selected.

3. Karen Crawford's Office (Room 200)

Wall repairs and painting were completed over winter break. KV Flooring is scheduled to install new VCT flooring on February 21, after which IT will move her systems back. The office should be ready for occupancy once we return from winter break. Photos attached.

4. Amber Elder's Room (Room 206)

Julius Schnurr is completing ceiling repairs over winter break, with painting to follow. Low humidity levels continue to be monitored, with an agreement to discontinue humidifier (provided by teacher) use once levels reach 35%, per PuroFirst's advisement. Photos attached.

5. Middle School Flooring & Stairs

On February 21, KV Flooring will install new reflective strips on the stairs as well as flooring that was taken up during the steam leak repair with waxing to follow before the end of winter break. Photos attached.

6. Science Room Circuit Work (Rms 120/119)

AES was on campus on February 17 to address breaker-tripping issues when multiple burners were used. The electrician confirmed that a dedicated circuit was pulled for the counter, and two existing circuits were previously landed on the same breaker, which caused the tripping issue. This has now been resolved.

7. Sara Wiles' Room Heater Replacement (Room 204A)

Two quotes were received: HMC Service Company at \$7,556 and Comfort & Process Solutions (CPS) at \$6,782. Lead time is 7–9 weeks. While not an immediate priority, installation should be planned for late summer or early fall. Quotes are attached for consideration and planning.

8. School & District Building Roof Leaks

Repairs were completed in the rear hallway past Room 206, the District Office women's restroom, and above the Superintendent's Office. Water infiltration points were sealed, and rotted wood was replaced. Additional leaks have surfaced and require further assessment. Photos attached.

9. Room 110 – Furnace Closet

No signs of growth or odor have reappeared. We are confident the prior issue was resolved by removing the drywall.

10. Radon Mitigation Systems

Inspection found one system non-functional and others requiring recalibration - we have a total of 4 reduction systems. Audible alarms are now required on all systems. Plans are to proceed with repairs and installation of alarms. An estimate is attached for consideration and planning of retesting every two years as recommended by provider.

11. Plumbing Updates

HMC Plumbing repaired the kitchen ceiling leak over winter break. The second 90-day MSD-required grease interceptor pumping was completed, and the school is now compliant. The MS hallway sump pump was found non-functional and requires replacement. The outdoor stormwater ejector pit had a tripped breaker but is operating at reduced capacity. A full inspection is scheduled as it is suspected the pumps are clogged.

12. Ventilation and Humidity Control

Planning for warmer weather continues. Quotes are attached for replacing gym louvers (\$19,698), repairing the gym wall (\$14,360), and installing a split system in storage closets (\$13,250).

13. Soccer Field Improvements

A \$9,939 proposal was received for artificial turf installation in the goalie boxes. Quote is attached for consideration and planning. As I understand, this is something the school has looked into in the past but did not proceed with due to considerable cost. However, Tim Killinder of Visual Artist is now a wholesaler and has offered this revised quote for consideration.

14. Bleachers

Toadvine Enterprises provided a \$665 quote to replace cracked bleacher seats and a \$750 quote for installation. An additional \$4,665 quote was received to repair the second-row understructure, which has dropped and is rubbing against the first seat. Quotes are attached for consideration and planning.

15. MS Girls' Restroom Ceiling Leak

Ceiling tiles collapsed due to a leak traced back to the auditorium radiator. Upon inspection, we found the union nut for the steam sediment trap had loosened, allowing water to escape. HMC technician tightened the connection and cycled the thermostat

multiple times to ensure proper flow and confirm the leak had stopped. The area will continue to be monitored to ensure no further issues arise. Photos attached for reference.