



**April 23, 2025:**

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

Safety:

- At this point it does appear that we have been awarded the AED grant that we were seeking. If we receive the final notice of award, we will receive 11 new AEDs to be used in the district. Our first priority will be ensuring all of our buses are equipped with an AED. From there we will evaluate our needs for the remaining units.
- We are currently working with the business and journalism teachers and students at NHS to create a public service announcement to further educate the community about school bus stop arm violations.

Facilities

- Phase II construction of the restrooms and concession stand at the stadium is underway. My department visits the site daily to ensure progress is moving forward and to assist if we can. The timeline for completion still remains for some time in September.
- The public hearing for the District Facilities Plan occurred on Thursday, April 17. The remaining action is final board approval and the plan will be submitted to KDE.
- Josh Tunning, ReNewport, and the City of Newport, planted additional trees on the south end of NPS on 4-17-25. We are going to supply the needed water until the trees are established.
- We had our pre-construction meeting with REHA and Ashley Builders on February 14 for the CTE Renovation that will occur this summer at NHS. As soon as students are out for the summer, we will begin the abatement process prior to the rest of the renovation. I have communicated with pertinent high school and district staff as to preparations we need to make prior the start of the project. We will ensure we are ready with all things that fall under our responsibility so we do not impact the timeline of the project.

Transportation:

- The Transportation Department completed its required quarterly bus evacuation drill on April 16 and 17.
- At the May regular meeting, I am hoping to have ready for you the TANK contract for 2025-2026.

Evaluation:

- We are at the time of the year when principals and directors become busy with evaluations. I am here to support any evaluator and ensure we are within timeline for all certified and classified evaluations.

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