

Arapahoe-Holbrook Public Schools
Superintendent Report to Board of Education
August 14, 2023

Building & Grounds

1. HVAC Project - We have all of the classroom units in the secondary wing up and running. The only remaining elements are a little insulation on the system outside our building, and the hanging of a mini-split unit in the mechanical room. We have the final invoices for work completed and retainage. We do not yet have any bills from the City of Arapahoe or NPPD on the 3-phase work done, but the amounts from Rasmussen will allow us to complete all ESSER claims in this fiscal year. Any remaining payments that need to be made are coming directly out of our Special Building fund without reimbursement.a
2. HVAC (Ag Classroom) - Due to the requirement of using a crane, the new unit for the Ag classroom is scheduled to be installed on Thursday, August 10.
3. Playground Equipment - The playground equipment has been installed with the exception of part of the boundary timbers for the rubber mulch. The vendor miscalculated and sent only ½ the timbers required. They have put things in motion to send us the remaining timbers required. Even with that portion of the project incomplete, the area was still safe and usable for our students at the start of the school year.
4. PK Window Replacement - The project is incomplete. The windows sent by Pella are the wrong size due to measurement errors on the part of their salesman. One window was barely able to be installed, so the project was halted until Pella can send the correct size units for the project. With the need for no school (or no student access in the area outside), the first opportunity for installation may be Sept. 22. It is more likely the installation will be over Fall Break (Oct 27 & 30)
5. PK Drywall (Summer '24). - There are issues with mold developing in the PK classroom due to previous flooding. The plan will be to bid out the project for completion early June, 2024.

Technology

1. Individual Devices - Our Chromebook/1-1 Program down through KG is off and running, with the rotation begun this year to make sure we are keeping current technology in the hands of our students. Our regular rotation now will be new Chromebooks for 7th and 10th grade students each year, with their 3 year old machines being used another year or two by Elem students. The only unknown yet is whether we'll stick with Chromebook touchscreens for 2nd 3rd grade level, or if the iPads will

work better there. Cost is basically a wash between the two, but Chromebook management is a bit easier.

Safety/Security

1. Crisis Team Reset - Our Crisis Team with new membership met on Mon. Aug 7. We defined our role and protocols with the idea of communicating that to the rest of our staff during the first couple weeks of this school year. We are seeking some training opportunities for newer members of the group who have not held those positions prior.
2. LockDown Drill - We are scheduled to hold a Lockdown Drill on Tuesday, August 29 in the middle of the morning. Furnas Co. Sheriff's Office personnel will be on hand to give us feedback on our protocols and management
3. Evacuation-Reunification Drill - We are planning an evacuation and reunification drill the week of Parent-Teacher Conferences so that we can have follow up conversations with parents/guardians soon after the event. More details will be out after our Safety Team meets in early September.

Other

1. Fuel Supply- We've signed another 6 month contract with Ag Valley for our fuel needs. We'll discuss a contract with them for the 2nd semester sometime after October. We may also be getting a Propane fueling station in Arapahoe, which will make fuel management for our route buses easier.

** Ag Valley personnel assured us that there would be no problem selling the fuel tank we have on our property. It will likely need to be a bidding process, and they can help with details on the item and spread the word to those who may be interested.*

2. Lunch Program - After a very strong first 2 weeks, our final summer meal count was down over 800 meals served compared to the 2022 summer. We will consider changes to our scheduling for Summer '24 next semester. We will need to raise our Adult meal prices to match the reimbursement figures that came out. That is an action item for the meeting.
3. NASB Mtg/Conf Dates
 - a. Sept 13 (Wed) Area Mtg @ Kearney (leave 3:30pm - sessions/supper/awards)
 - b. Oct 4-5 (Wed-Thur) Labor Relations Conference @ Lincoln
 - c. Nov 15-17 (Wed-Fri) NASB State Education Conference @ CHI Omaha