

**Arapahoe-Holbrook Public Schools**  
**Superintendent Report to Board of Education**  
**Sept. 12, 2022**

**Building & Grounds**

1. HVAC Project - Some of the materials are being shipped on Sept. 8 and should be to Gibbon by the 13th or 14th. Ron Paul (Rasmussen) will take inventory and then come to Arapahoe with the electrical contractor to talk about a staging area (likely maint. building) and a more specific timeline. We expect all materials to be in NE by the end of September with the first workers on site in early October.
2. Garbage/Recycling - I am working with Schaben Sanitation for a practical solution to placement for our garbage containers. The goal is to have them in a less prominent place, yet still make them accessible to our staff and to the trucks for dumping each week.
3. Scoreboard - The scoreboard is still set to ship on Sept. 15. If everything stays on time, we may have our new scoreboard up and operational for the Homecoming game on Sept. 30 vs Hi-Line.
4. Clearing of Bus Barn - We have begun to clear items out of the bus barn and have sold a few items. We'll make an attempt to sell a few more things via our school Facebook account, then the remainder will be disposed of. We've contacted Schaben Sanitation and the earliest they are able to get a roll-off here is sometime the week of Sept. 19. That still fits our timeline of making the space available for vehicle use prior to winter weather setting in.
5. Playground Equipment - I've been asked about new playground equipment and placement to better serve the needs of our students. What we have is more appropriate for younger elementary students (PK-3rd) and is not in an ideal location on the other side of the building from the elementary. One suggestion for funding help is to have this be a project focus for the GALA next spring in Arapahoe.

**Technology**

1. Server and Exterior Wireless Access Points - New exterior access points have been installed on the outside of our building (Main South entrance / NW Corner by Ag / NE corner of WR room) and the new server is in Holdrege, so that portion should be complete soon as well. This project is run entirely through the ESU, with no cost to, or paperwork for, school districts.
2. Drone Usage - Reid Stagemeyer has been using the drone purchased by the district for video footage at FB games, but he's also experimented with some other aspects. We anticipate using this for some promotional items connected to AHPS, and there may be opportunities to bring in some revenue with students doing projects for those outside the district (i.e - video for sales promotions). That could be a good lead into a course focused on entrepreneurship.

## Safety/Security

1. SRP Training - We have distributed a video that all the students will watch with their teachers (Elem - classroom / Secondary - Warrior Time) before having the kids take home a sheet with an introduction for the parents/guardians. We anticipate doing our first drill (HOLD), the week of Sept 19
2. Emergency Backpacks/Donation - One of the items designated by our EOP Safety Team for immediate address was the (re)issuing of backpacks to each occupied room of the building for use during emergencies. These backpacks would contain class rosters, a small first aid kit, and a few other important items that would be useful in case of a situation in which the students/staff had to evacuate. There had been such packs in the building previously, but they have disappeared over the years, so we decided to start from scratch. A generous donation from Phelps Memorial Health Center in Holdrege, through the Phelps County Safe Communities Coalition provided us with \$500 to purchase new orange backpacks to start this process.

## Other

1. Contracting for Fuel - We have contracted with Ag Valley for some fuel prices on E-10 and propane. (estimate - ½ years supply). We'll watch the usage and prices to consider another contract around the middle of the school year.
2. School Meal Program - The Healthy Meals Healthy Kids Act, the 2022 Child Nutrition Reauthorization Bill is being considered in Congress. Additionally, the bill raises the federal reimbursement rate for school lunch and provides commodities for school breakfast to help school nutrition programs manage increased costs and persistent financial challenges. There are currently over 20 states that have committed to covering school meal costs if the federal government does not continue the program. Nebraska is not one of the 20 states.
3. NASB Meetings
  - a. Sept 21 (Wed) Area Mtg @ Kearney (leave 3:30pm - sessions/supper/awards)
    - i. *Sign up deadline is Wed. Sept. 14*
  - b. Oct 5-6 (Wed-Thur) Labor Relations Conference @ Lincoln
  - c. Nov 16-18 (Wed-Fri) NASB State Education Conference @ CHI Omaha
    - i. *Registration opens SEPT 13. Hotel reservations can't be made until registrations are in.*