

**Arapahoe-Holbrook Public Schools**  
**Superintendent Report to Board of Education**  
**Oct. 10, 2022**

**Building & Grounds**

1. HVAC Project - We met with Ron Paul from Rasmussed Mechanical on Oct 3 and laid out the plan for installation of the components of our HVAC project for the HS wing. We are tentatively set for them to begin on Oct. 10. The process will not follow the regular pattern of demolition, then installation, as we want to keep the spaces serviceable for our students right up until the time the new system can be turned on. New units will be hung above the ceilings, then plumbed and wired before any old ductwork is switched out. Total start to finish is 12-16 weeks, with a reasonable expectation to be finished the 2nd week of January.
2. Garbage/Recycling - I am still waiting on a call back from the area representative from Schaben Sanitation to talk about a better location for our garbage containers that would be less visible to the public, yet still accessible to their trucks.
3. Scoreboard - Our scoreboard was delivered and installed on Sept. 27, so the first use was for our JH FB game vs Loomis. The inaugural use for a HS game was at Homecoming 2022, and we received numerous compliments on it.
4. Clearing of Bus Barn - Items in the Bus Barn that have been declared surplus are being sold with digital advertisements. We still don't have a definite date that Schaben Sanitation will deliver a rolloff for us to dispose of unwanted items.
5. Playground Equipment - We've met with a playground equipment vendor and have a reasonable idea of cost and installation timeline to offer our older elementary students some more age appropriate opportunities just east of the basketball hoops south of the track.
6. Track Status - I spoke with Sam Fisher of Fisher Track. His company did the last structural spray on our facility in 2015, so it is nearing the end of its lifespan (8-10 years). He was last here in March of 2022 and found no structural problems, so we should be able to go with one more structural spray in 2025 before considering if the base needs to be replaced/repainted. Cost for a spray and painting is in the \$80,000 range.

**Technology**

1. Teacher Computers - New teacher computers have been distributed to staff. Replaced machines will be made available to staff at approximately \$250. The expectation is that we will still have a few "spares" to put in our supply for loaning during a repair or other applications in the building.

2. Website - We are planning to hear from Apptegy later this semester on the possibility of switching vendors to make our website more user friendly. Many districts in our area have recently switched to this product (8 RPAC / Cozad / Axtell / ElmCreek / Wil-Hil / Franklin / Minden / SEM / etc) as it is well organized and customizable to what district patrons desire. It's also more friendly on the back end for updates / visuals / etc. The district recently signed a 3 year agreement with SOCS, but Apptegy has indicated they would give us some credit to help offset the commitment we'd made already.

## **Safety/Security**

1. SRP Drill / Notices - We completed our first Standard Response Protocol (iloveguys.org) drill on September 20, with a practice on the HOLD command. Afterwards, we surveyed the staff to ask for feedback, and it was mostly positive, with just a few questions. What I think it showed us is that our students and staff are "somewhat" familiar with the terminology, but not quite where we'd want them to be, should a real emergency occur. We'll continue with a SECURE drill on October 7 at a time where we have 1 small group of students outside that will need to shift gears and come inside before their scheduled time. The next drill will be a SHELTER drill.
2. Emergency Backpacks/Donation - Most of our orange emergency backpacks have arrived and the remainder from another vendor should be in soon. We will be placing rosters, small first aid kits, and emergency protocol directions in the bags to be placed in every student classroom/area of the building. These were purchased with a \$500 donation from Phelps Memorial Health Center, so we'll get a picture to post on social media/website and to send a thank you their way.

## **Other**

1. Curriculum Review Cycle - I will have a curriculum review cycle and committee members available for your inspection at the Oct 10 meeting. NDE is in the process of refiguring some of the standards development process, so we will not finalize our pattern yet.
2. Connection to Northern Arapaho Wyoming Tribe - We've been in communication with one of the council members of the Northern Arapaho Wyoming Tribe. They have a cultural sharing/partnership program they began a few years ago in which they want to connect to area/groups/communities that inhabit their ancestral lands or have utilized the name Arapaho(e). We are trying to arrange for their team to come to AHPS to present to our students and perhaps create opportunities for partnerships.
3. NASB Meetings
  - a. Nov 16-18 (Wed-Fri) NASB State Education Conference @ CHI Omaha
    - i. *Attending: Drews / Carpenter / Lee / Whipple / New Member / New Member*
  - b. Delegate Assembly - 1 Rep from AHPS board for Fri. Nov 18 mtg