

Arapahoe-Holbrook Public Schools
Superintendent Report to Board of Education
August 11, 2025

Finances

1. Budget for 25-26 - The 25-26 budget has undergone some alterations, as we are anticipating low tax returns in Sept/Oct. That is the result of the new School Tax Credit for property taxes that was pushed out this year. It's unsure how much less the receipts will be, but we're planning for a significant shortfall in revenue for Sept/Oct. Valuations won't be out until close to the 20th, but estimates plugged into our budget show a drop in the levy. We will definitely be participating in the Joint Tax Request Hearing this year, with a tentative date being September 16.

2. Building & Grounds
 - a. Summer Projects - Our 2 summer projects (Drainage by PK / Bus Barn Storage) are completed. We will be putting up some snow fence around the drainage area that needs grass seed, and organization for the use of our new dry storage area has started. We still need to add HVAC capabilities in the Bus Barn storage, but that won't prohibit us from using the space immediately.

 - b. Turf Tank - Training has been completed for using the line painting robot that we share with Cambridge and Southwest. The scheduling of the machine was fairly smooth because the games for each school lined up well. We will also be using this for painting sector lines during our track meet.

3. Transportation
 - a. Mid Bus Purchase - Our MidBus on the Ford chassis is still projected to be here in October.

 - b. Small Vehicles - We will be approving the purchase of the new suburban with invoices this month, and that means we'll have the ability to cycle out the 2006 Chevy van. However, we will wait until our new mid-bus is delivered before declaring that excess property for sale or trade. The Transit is currently at CoachMasters being retrofitted to meet upcoming school transportation requirements. Replacement of our 2020 Chevy Van would be next on our list of inventory targets.

Technology

1. Individual Devices - New Chromebooks have been distributed with a few left to go, and we're all set to run our 4th year of this technology management plan. The devices have held up well and students are (in general) being responsible with them, so there has not been a pinch point where we struggle to provide the equipment. Included in our plan next year will be the possibility of needing to replace three grade level groups instead of two, as well as the need to update our aging iPads or touchscreen Chromebooks for the youngest in our system..

2. Battery Backup for Servers/Internet - We have purchased a new battery back up for our digital connections/servers. The unit being replaced was not functioning properly each time we had a power outage (quite a few in the last 6 months), and caused some shut downs and stoppage of work. It was original to the opening of the building, which means it has reached its expected lifespan. The cost for the unit is slightly under \$800.

Safety/Security

1. LockDown Drill - We will again schedule a Lockdown drill for the first semester, with a target being in the month of September. The exact date has not yet been established, but we will coordinate with the Furnas County Sheriff's Office so they can provide feedback on our procedures.
2. Evacuation-Reunification Drill - The last Evacuation-Reunification drill we did was during the 23-24 school year, so we have that on our list to run again this year. The week of PT Conferences is an option again this year, but the final date is yet to be determined.

Other

1. Fuel Supply- We have not signed a contract with Ag Valley for fuel in a couple years, but I'll investigate that option and have the Transportation Committee look at it. Even in the year we had a set rate with them, the total fuel cost for our district was not that much different, so paying market rates might still be best.
2. Summer Nutrition Program - Our final meal count was 1,902 (breakfast and lunch) for the month of June, which is an overall increase of about 48% from the previous year. Averages were 43 for breakfast and 75 for lunch each day. There is a need for this program, but it is not a self-supporting program. A decision on offering it for next year will be made during 1st semester of 25-26
3. 25-26 Board Training/Development -
 - a. NASB Area Mtg - Thursday, Aug 21, 2025 - Kearney 4pm-10pm
 - b. NASB Labor Relations Conf - Oct 1-2, 2025- Lincoln
 - c. NASB State Education Conference - Omaha - Nov 19-21, 2025
 - d. NRCSA Spring Conference - Kearney - March 18-20, 2026