

Arapahoe-Holbrook Public Schools
Superintendent Report to Board of Education
Nov. 11, 2024

Building & Grounds

1. PK Drainage Project - We are expecting to receive bids on our drainage/concrete project by the PK classroom prior to the end of this week. When agreed upon, we will schedule this for the summer, and target the first few weeks after school is dismissed.
2. Storage Areas - The district lost considerable climate controlled storage space when moving into the new facility. We have begun to update a bit of the athletic storage in the former Ag/IT building off the northwest corner of the school, but none of the investments have been considerable or permanent (movable shelving and containers). Beyond this, we will need to examine more long-term decisions that would impact larger projects. We will work with current athletic/activity sponsors to determine the scope of the needs we currently have and how to best plan for updates or improvements as the first step in this process.
3. Scoreboard/Video Boards - The Athletic Booster Club is interested in partnering with the school to conduct a capital campaign to update our interior (and possibly exterior) scoreboards to provide video capabilities. The Bldg/Grounds committee had this project on the list of projects to begin with the 23-24 school year, but put it on the back-burner when the state changed our revenue/taxing allowances. It may be something we move back to the “active” list after having a discussion with the Boosters.

Safety/Security

1. Added Security Camera - We have a new camera added to the system that provides better coverage of the student parking lot (West Lot), and also allowed us to make some adjustments to other cameras so that we have better views of some other spaces on the west side of the school. We would like to add at least one more camera to the west side that would provide more coverage of the entrance to the commons under the awning.
2. NDE Badge Rating - The new badge rating program from the School Safety and Security section of NDE has rated our school as a Silver. The rating is based on a survey of questions that the office uses to determine a point system connected to the rating scale. The notice was provided via email towards the end of October, and it gave a short list of items that could be altered or updated to move from Silver up to Gold or Diamond. Those changes will be addressed over the course of this year.

Other

1. Negotiations/Insurance - The negotiation process has just begun, with information about the changes in health insurance cost provided to the state at the end of October. Rates are going up for EHA members by 5.49%. Even though this seems quite a bit more than last year's 1.99% jump, it is still rather moderate in today's market, and the 10 year average is currently at 4.77% per year.
2. NASB Meetings
 - a. NASB State Education Conference @ CHI Omaha Nov 20-22 (Wed-Fri)
 - i. *Attending: Carpenter / Dettmann / Drews / Lee / Schutz*
 - b. Delegate Assembly - 1 Rep from AHPS board for Fri. Nov 22 mtg
 - c. Leg. Issues Conf @ Lincoln Jan 26-27, 2025