



CHELSEA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Summer to School Transition

The transition from summer operations back into the school year is nearly complete. This was an exceptionally busy summer for the Operations Team, with many small- to medium-sized projects being completed in-house alongside our normal summer cleaning, maintenance, grounds work, and Bond-related activity. Our custodial teams completed extensive building preparation across the district, including floor scrubbing, sanitizing, waxing and burnishing, deep cleaning, and interior and exterior glass cleaning. We certainly pushed the limits of the summer schedule as we worked toward Open Houses on Wednesday evening, but as always, the team pulled together and our buildings were ready to welcome students, staff, and families back. Our maintenance team also completed a significant amount of preventative HVAC maintenance throughout the district. Every classroom unit ventilator, air handler, and rooftop unit was cleaned and received new filters. In total, the team serviced approximately 120 classroom unit ventilators and 59 rooftop/air-handling units. This is important preventative work that supports indoor air quality, equipment performance, and overall system reliability as we begin another school year. A tremendous amount of work was accomplished this summer, much of it by our own staff. Their flexibility, persistence, and willingness to step in wherever needed made the summer-to-school transition successful.

2026 Bond

Bond work continues to make very good progress across the district, with several highly visible projects beginning to take shape. The new **soccer/multipurpose field** is nearing completion and remains on track to be ready for use during the first week of September. Final landscaping, restoration, and site cleanup are occurring during the final week of August and are progressing well. The **baseball field project** is also moving forward following some unexpected subsurface conditions encountered during excavation. Contractors discovered a significant amount of unsuitable material, including old stumps, logs, boulders, and other buried debris. That material has now been removed and replaced with proper engineered infill to provide the long-term stability and safety needed beneath the new field. While this added complexity to the earthwork, addressing these conditions properly now will help protect the district's investment for many years to come. Work on the **softball field** has progressed simultaneously and has seen significant advancement. Excavation work has continued along with the installation of drainage tile and stone to establish the field's drainage system and stable base. Earthwork contractors are now beginning perimeter trenching and preparation for the concrete curbing that will eventually contain and support the new synthetic turf system. Overall, the Bond projects are progressing very well. Each week brings noticeable changes to the sites, and we are beginning to see these major investments transition from construction zones into facilities that will directly benefit our students, athletic programs, and community.



GO BULLDOGS!!

My Best,
Ross Potgiesser
Director of Operations