
Teaching Learning and Equity Department/Program Board Summary Report

This report is designed for Department or Program Leaders to provide a concise, high-level overview of their area's status, activities, and future plans to the School Board.

Report Identification

Field	Information
Department/Program Name:	1 st Street Building (Duluth Education Center, DNT)
Report Title:	Construction Progress
Report Leader:	Bryan Brown
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Date of Board Meeting:	

Summary Report

I. Program Objectives & Goals (What are we trying to achieve?)

Construction Progress at the 1st Street Building (former DNT building located at 424 W 1st St, Duluth, MN). The building size is 72,000 sq ft, 51,000 sq ft of the building has been designed for program space; approximately 21,000 sq ft of space in the basement level is for future considerations.

Programs include:

- LIFE
- T-12/Bridge Special Education
- District-Wide Staff
- ECSE & Early Childhood
- District Testing/Screening
- Community Education
- ALC/AEO – Middle School & High School
- Adult Education
- American Indian Education/ Cultural Center

The goal is to complete construction in the summer of 2026.

II. Key Actions & Activities (What have we done recently?)

As we are preparing for occupancy, heavy construction activity is winding down, and focus is on finishes, testing and inspections, and punch list items. Approximately 30 contractors are onsite daily.

Recent Construction Highlights

Life Safety Testing and Final inspections are ongoing:

Emergency lighting systems were tested.

New electrical service equipment was installed by Minnesota Power.

New electrical main switchboard was installed.

Egress doors are complete.

Plumbing systems are tested.

Sprinkler systems are tested.

Fire Alarm systems are tested.

III. Outcomes & Results (What was the impact?)

The project remains on schedule for completion in summer 2026.

IV. Next Steps & Future Focus (What is planned for the future?)

Construction Priorities

- The elevator inspection is scheduled for August 10th
- The generator startup is scheduled for August 10th
- The HVAC startup and inspections are scheduled for the week of August 10th

- Punch list is ongoing
- Certificate of Occupancy is planned for August. We are coordinating closely with the city building officials, Fire Marshall, and school staff.
- A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony is scheduled for Thursday September 3rd.

Budget Updates

The construction budget is updated monthly with each pay application.

Current Summary:

- Total Budget: \$15,724,044
- Cost to Date: \$13,278,440
- Contingency Remaining: \$5,182

F. Current Project Photos



New Electrical Service



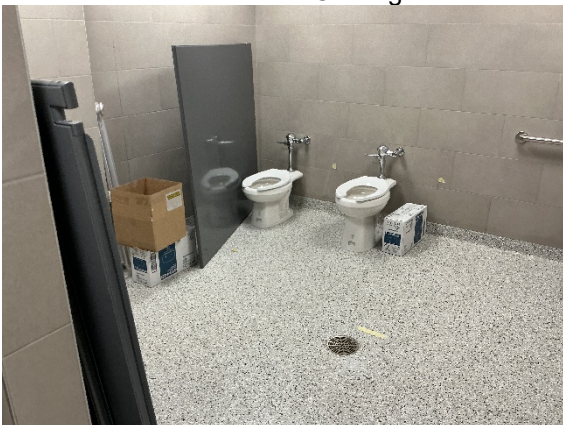
New Exterior Stairs in the Alley



Data Rack and Cabling



HVAC/ Plumbing Systems on Roof



Plumbing Systems and bathroom finishes



Owner Equipment