



THE LAKE AND PENINSULA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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To: Lake and Peninsula School Board
From: Tim McDermott

Re: Maintenance Report

The month of February 2026 was a continuation of the weather trends over this winter, a cold windy test of our character and communication. For the most part we have fared well keeping the utilities running and the buildings warm. Thank you and encouragement to all for continued vigilance and patience as we anticipate the arrival of spring.

During the February month the skeletal resources of this department have been focused primarily on operations and supply of material for work orders and projects. It is no secret that there is not enough dedicated man power to execute all of the projects that are geometrically accumulating due to the age of the facilities. The department has split our efforts into identification of needs and supply of materials as its own function. These supplied projects can then be executed on a case by case basis as the resources and circumstances allow.

As plans, decisions, and solutions are pondered moving forward there are two areas of immediate concern and address. The first one is the consideration of additional housing at Newhalen. Before another building is added to the existing site utilities, it would be irresponsible not have an engineering assessment of the heating, domestic water, and electrical systems to insure that there is adequate capacity to supply additional occupancy/square footage demand. The second issue involves a commitment in the workforce necessary to execute the operational maintenance and projects over the summer and

beyond. There are no positions funded in the current budget for personnel or contractors to do the work. The Maintenance Department recognizes that strong facilities management directly benefits classrooms. Current efforts lack clear direction and suffer from an underfunded, reactionary budget. Despite acknowledging the need for improvement, no strategic plan has been established. The department urges a dedicated Borough led strategic planning session—including the School District, Village and Tribal entities, local Cities, and the Borough itself—to collaboratively determine the future of school buildings, housing, and related assets.

We are entering the springtime compliance cycle with fire sprinkler and alarm inspections. ADEC has updated the monitoring summaries of our regulated water systems. We are performing self-inspections, documenting training to take as much advantage as possible of the APRA premium credit program. Internally, piloted by Damian, this department is integrating a new maintenance management program, Operations Hero, that is much more contemporary, streamlined, tailored to the reporting requirements of DEED CIP eligibility, and considerably less expensive than the server based ManagerPlus program LPSD has been using since the statute requiring it was put into place.

The Safety and Compliance work log for the month of February:

- Communications with Tim
- Communications with Borough Manager
- Communications with DEED facilities
- Communications with ANTHC for possible assistance
- Monthly State PM Subcommittee Meeting
- Shipping and Receiving
- Assist with teacher travel through King Salmon
- Support of CTE
- Vehicle maintenance
- School self inspections for insurance rebate
- Ordering of materials
- Rollout, training, and streamlining of new work order program
- Smoke detector inventory
- Fire extinguisher inventory

Thank you for your patience and consideration. Maintenance needs are best communicated by sending an email to maintenance@lpsd.com with a description of the problem or request, information such as make/model numbers, and pictures if possible. Maintenance is also accessible by office phone, 907-268-6401 ext. 228, or by cell phone contact, 907-469-0460 (Tim) 907-469-0473 (Carl). Thank you for your continued communication and support as the Maintenance Department strives to provide safe, healthy facilities for our staff, students, and communities.