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TO: Board of Education
FROM: Chris Thibadeau
SUBJECT: Summer 2026 Project Update

The Buildings and Grounds Department has been preparing for Summer 2026 by identifying potential repair and replacement projects and, where applicable, gathering preliminary pricing and scope information. Detailed below are several projects presented for the Board of Education's awareness and consideration. Some of these projects fall below the District's formal bidding threshold, while others are being pursued through traditional bidding processes.

DLS Sidewalk Project

The remaining original sidewalk sections at Diamond Lake School have reached the end of their useful life, and continued patching is no longer a practical or cost-effective solution. Replacing these deteriorated sections will improve pedestrian safety, reduce ongoing maintenance costs, align with sidewalk improvements already completed at DLS, and help limit future liability exposure.

This project is currently out for bid, with bids due on May 12, 2026. A recommendation for award will be presented at the May 19 Board of Education meeting.

The estimated budget for this work is \$69,000. We are also working with our architect, Wold, to include this project in the Health/Life Safety survey so it may be eligible for funding through the Health Life Safety Fund.

DLS Cast Iron Sewer Pipe Replacement

Following multiple assessments of Diamond Lake School's sanitary piping, it has been determined that replacement is necessary to prevent costly emergency repairs and maintain safe, reliable infrastructure. The existing piping is deteriorating and presents potential health and maintenance risks if left unaddressed.

The project has been issued for bid, with proposals due on May 12, 2026. Upon receipt and review of the bids, the District will present a recommendation for the lowest responsible bidder at the May 19 Board of Education meeting. This project will be funded through the Health Life Safety Fund.

Door Replacement (WOC & DLS)

We have identified several door openings across the district that require repair or replacement and have solicited quotes to evaluate scope and cost. These include the main gym doors and south exterior vestibule doors at Diamond Lake School, as well as the north and south cafeteria doors and band practice room door at West Oak Campus.



It is my recommendation that we proceed with the proposals submitted by LaForce, which represent the lowest-cost quotes received.

WOC: \$11,401

This scope includes full replacement of the north and south cafeteria doors, replacement of the band practice room door, and new hardware and added protection for the main gym doors.

DLS: \$43,308

This scope includes full replacement of both main gym doors and complete replacement of the south exterior vestibule doors, including associated framing and sidelites.

WOC Courtyard Project

The District is exploring the enclosure of the WOIS courtyard to create additional flexible instructional space using the design-build procurement method. Bid documents were released publicly on January 28, and proposals were due on March 2. The District received a total of four bids, three of which were under the established budget.

We are currently conducting an internal review of the proposals and gathering staff input to help guide the design narrative. Firm interviews were anticipated to follow this internal review process; however, the District has temporarily paused this effort to allow for the exploration and prioritization of other projects. Consideration of the WOIS courtyard enclosure is expected to resume in August.

Community Center

The District is exploring the reconstruction and expansion of the existing garage at Diamond Lake School to accommodate a dedicated community closet and food pantry. This project would create a more private, respectful, and functional space that protects the dignity of the families who utilize it, while also providing adequate storage to consolidate, organize, and catalog donations in a single location. Rebuilding and expanding the garage supports both the operational needs of the program and the District's broader commitment to serving our school community.

Preliminary budgetary pricing has come in higher than anticipated at approximately \$510,000. While more cost-effective options could be explored, they would likely require a reduction in project scope and overall functionality. My recommendation is that we proceed with the formal bidding process with the understanding that all bids may be rejected if they are determined to be unacceptable.

The tentative bid schedule is as follows: issue for bid on June 22, 2026, bid opening on July 14, 2026, and presentation of a recommendation at the July 21 Board of Education meeting.



WOIS and DO Painting and Casework

Following completion of the District Office remodel, it was determined that the existing WOIS and District Office casework required replacement. To complete this work in a cost-effective manner, we utilized existing supplier partnerships and local contractors.

The WOIS office was repainted to better align with surrounding spaces, and the painting and installation of the new casework have been completed. The District Office casework is currently in production and is scheduled for installation over summer break.

WOC Air Handler Repair

We are working with a firm to obtain pricing to rehabilitate five aging air handling units at West Oak Campus. This work includes sanitizing the units, replacing deteriorated insulation, and upgrading traditional fan motor assemblies to modern fan array systems in order to restore the units to their original output and efficiency specifications. Rehabilitation is being evaluated as a cost-effective alternative to full replacement while extending equipment life and improving overall system performance.

The quotes received thus far have exceeded expectations. We will continue exploring other options and will present recommendations at a future date.

WOIS Playground Improvements

We are currently exploring the potential relocation of the WOIS playground to the southwest corner of the property. This concept is being considered as an opportunity to enhance the overall recess experience by incorporating additional and more diverse play elements.

Proposed improvements would include the addition of new basketball hoops, a soccer goal, dedicated seating areas, and enclosing the space with fencing to improve safety and supervision.

In addition to improving student recreation, this relocation may also create an opportunity to utilize the existing playground area for supplemental parking during special events, helping to alleviate congestion and improve site functionality.

This is an initial exploration, and further evaluation will be conducted to assess feasibility, cost, and overall impact before any recommendations are made.



Future Summer Projects for Consideration

We are continuing to evaluate costs associated with a proposed running track at WOC, along with the addition of parking. This project remains in the investigatory phase, and we are currently beginning a wetland delineation study to better understand site constraints and potential impacts.

Based on initial analysis, we are no longer pursuing the 200-meter track option. The District is now focused on evaluating a 4-lane, 400-meter track, which would occupy a significant portion of the north field, require substantial earthwork, and limit the ability to expand parking in that area.

In addition to the track, we are concurrently exploring the development of a multifunctional sports area to maximize the usability of the site and better support a range of student and community activities.

Preliminary budgetary pricing for the 400-meter track, including a long jump area and approximately 20 parking spaces on the east side of the property, is as follows:

400-Meter Track + Long Jump + 20 Parking Spaces

Construction Cost Estimate: \$2,090,000

Total Project Cost Estimate: \$2,500,000

Further evaluation is ongoing to determine the most practical balance between cost, site constraints, and program needs.