

**BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA**

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TO: ISD #31 BOARD OF EDUCATION

FROM: ASHLEY EASDRIDGE, CPA, DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS SERVICES

SUBJECT: 2026 SUMMER CAPITAL PROJECTS SCHEDULE

COMMENTS:

Attached you will find the 2026 Summer Capital Projects Schedule with a total expense estimate of \$1,505,260, which is funded by long-term facilities maintenance (LTFM), operating capital and capital facilities bond. LTFM is a restricted funding source that is used for deferred capital expenditures and maintenance projects that prevent further erosion of facilities, increasing accessibility of school facilities and health and safety projects. These types of projects are replacing “like for like” and are based on our 10 year plan. Operating Capital is also a restricted funding source that is used for acquiring land, acquiring or constructing buildings or building improvements, energy efficiency improvements, etc. Capital Facilities Bond is the remaining bond proceeds from the BHS LED Lighting Retrofit Project and BHS Chiller Replacement Project. These proceeds have the same restrictions as Operating Capital.

General projects include tuck pointing, door replacement, flooring replacement, mechanical systems, plumbing, roofing, concrete and pavement, playgrounds, building improvements and new equipment.

The Capital Projects schedule is a planning document that changes on a regular basis. We start with our 10 year plan that ranks the priority of items to be considered. The 10 year plan incorporates a district wide long term schedule for roof replacement and parking lot seal coating/overlay as well as many other items. Then we reduce the projects to a more current window and assign a budget of approximately \$1.3 million each fiscal year. In the short term some projects are deferred and some new ones are added.

For larger projects we have split the cost over two fiscal years, augment the budget with operating capital reserves, incorporate grant funding, or issue debt and pay over time.

Specific projects include:

- LED lighting retrofit at Bemidji Middle School. This will result in the District receiving an energy efficiency rebate and reduced utility costs.
- Replacing the carpet in the cafeteria and hallways at Bemidji Middle School.

This is informational and no action is needed on this item.