

**OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT** 

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## February 2025 - Board Report

## **Operations Updates:**

NCE Water Main Break - On Monday, February 24th just after 6AM I was alerted by Principal Wescott that there were excessive amounts of water coming out of the sidewalk near the building and overflowing into the parking lot. We had maintenance technicians on site by 6:30AM to evaluate, and confirm that it was in fact a water main break. The next steps happened to fall into place quickly. The determination to close school was determined based on an unpredictable repair and time frame to make repairs. We knew we would not have domestic water to the building while the repair was being made which meant no toilets, drinking water, kitchen water, drinking water etc. We had *Iron Creek Construction/Excavation* on site by 7:45AM to begin making the repairs. The section of sidewalk was pulled and the excavation took place, digging down 5' feet to expose and repair the water main. The repair was made and water turned back on to the building by 11AM. With the help from the City of Chelsea, we never had to completely shut the water off, but rather maintained a low flow and pressure of water to avoid water contamination. After reviewing camera footage there was no sign of water 12-hours prior (*6PM Sunday*), confirming that this opened up over night and early morning hours of Monday. This is the 4th break in his old water main over that last decade, therefore this has become a priority for use to pursue pricing and bid the replacement of this water line out. Our hope is to complete this replacement this summer ('25) out of sinking funds.







County Inspection-Kitchen Resolution- Last month there was an official inspection that took place at the 100 Building-Senior Center Kitchen. There was an issue identified in the walk in cooler (original to the building) where there was excessive moisture and moisture penetrating the grout and tiles. Between Chris Simpson, Jack Rathburn (Maintenance Supervisor) and I we determined there is a long term need to remedy this issue versus continuing to live with it. We reached out to our trusted flooring and resurfacing contractor to help us with this project, Shorewood Flooring & Coatings. This is the sane contractor that cleaned and recoated our bathroom floors at North Creek. Erik and his team worked over a weekend to make this happen and create little to no downtime in the kitchen. The results were astonishing, they first deep cleaned and neutralized the surfaces, including the grout lines. Following that cleaning they coated all the surfaces, vertical and horizontal, which will prevent any further penetration of moisture or organic growth. See photos of before and after below...



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## GO BULLDOGS!!

My Best, Ross Potgiesser Director of Operations