



Facilities Report for January 2026 School Board Meeting Highlighting December 2025 Activities

Department: Facilities
HR|Business Services Committee: 01.12.2026
Regular Board Meeting: 01.20.2026
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Manager's Minutes:

- Construction on the First Street Buildout project remains underway.

What We're Working On:

- DSC:
 - Transportation building Expansion. Construction is complete, punchlist items addressed. Holm Construction, Belknap Electric, and Dell Comm.
- Denfeld High School:
 - Clock tower heating project completed. Benson Electric.
 - Final punchlist items for clock mechanism received from Lumichron.
 - Auditorium entryway Transom lights new glass installation pending. St. Germaine
- East High School:
 - CTE Manufacturing space Scope development; price requests have been sent out to contractors for baseline project cost estimates and timelines.
- District Projects:
 - Lighting replacement, Lowell and Lincoln Park. Staging of tools and materials underway.
- Ordean East Middle School:
 - Student kitchen (FAC's) remodel under technical scope development.
 - New Bandsaw installation completed. Benson Electric
 - Hillside landscaping completed. Ricks Tree Service
 - Pool UV light replacement pending. Horizon Pools.
- Myers Wilkins:
 - Conditional Use Permit with the City of Duluth for the installation of guardrail approved waiting on City of Duluth to do the installation.
 - Quiet room buildouts completed rm 216, rm 319 painting completed. Holm Construction, Jamar, and Summit Sprinkler.
 - Carpet installation completed in new Music Rm.

- Rockridge:
 - Bathroom hard lid ceiling installation completed. Holm Construction, Summit sprinkler
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 - a. Ansul system installation. Summit Sprinkler
 - b. Entryway tree removal Pending. Ricks Tree Service
 - c. Ceilings and Entryway Soffits completed. Holm Construction, Summit Sprinkler.
- District work orders
 - a. 59 work orders added
 - b. 101 work orders closed

What We're Working On:

- Lakewood Elementary
 - a. Change over from fuel oil to propane. Boilers and Hot water heat conversion.
- Lincoln Park Auditorium lighting
 - a. Auditorium seating lighting conversion from fixed in place to remote operated Batten system.

Staffing Report:

We want to acknowledge the challenges our operations staff have been facing recently due to a higher-than-usual number of sick employees. This has undoubtedly put a strain on our team, and I appreciate everyone's flexibility and commitment to maintaining our operational standards despite these circumstances.

On a much more positive note, I'd like to wholeheartedly thank the operations team for their outstanding work during the recent holiday break. The team successfully completed critical equipment maintenance across all our school locations and performed thorough deep cleanings. This dedicated effort ensured that our facilities were ready and in excellent condition to welcome back students and staff. Their commitment to this important work is invaluable and has not gone unnoticed.

Thank you again for your dedication and hard work. We are fortunate to have such a reliable and diligent operations team.