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Tom Tiede- Director of Transportation/Buildings & Grounds

October 2026 Board Report

Buildings & Grounds

Building activities have settled nicely into routine and systems are operating well. The busy fall season is always amazing as we see a vast array of student and community activities, sports, concerts, meetings etc bringing many people to our buildings & grounds on a daily basis including the weekends. Seeing our schools being a true extension of the community is refreshing and exciting.

Friday 10/2 was Custodian Appreciation Day. At District #66, we have a fantastic group of dedicated, hard working and caring custodians, including; Mr. Alberto (PV/Dist), Ms. Gloria (PV), Ms. Alicia (PV), Ms. Maria (PV), Ms. Nayeli (IDE/PV), Ms. Eugenia (IDE), Mr. Ruby (LV), Ms. Leticia (LV), Ms. Shirley (LV), Mr. Charlie (IDE), Jack McDaniel (Grounds). Please join me in thanking and celebrating the hard work and dedication of these fine individuals who keep our buildings safe and clean for all who use them.

As we wrap up the final punch list items from the summer construction work in the Lakeview Parking lot, we are beginning finalizing plans with the architectural firm for summer of 2027 projects. It remains a busy yet exciting time to be able to continue to improve our facilities to meet the needs of our community, staff and students.

Transportation

Although the school year just began, we are at the time where I will begin to forecast needs for the next school year and how it relates to fleet size and needs. Due to rising new bus costs, we have been purchasing our leased buses as opposed to beginning new leases. I will examine the fleet age, future costs, reliability, etc in determining my recommendation for the board in the coming months as to fleet plans for 27-28 as the timing window to solidify any potential new leases would have to be approved before the December board meeting.

The week of October 19th is National School Bus Safety Week. During the week, facets of school bus safety are retaught and advancements celebrated throughout the industry. Traditionally, TEAM66/PTO as well as the District team up to spoil our drivers with treats and meals throughout the week as well. In addition, we will dedicate Friday 10/23 to be our official District #66 "Driver Appreciation Day." Photos and a recap to come to the Board at the November meeting! Thank you to all of our drivers for keeping our students safe daily!