



LEWISTON-ALTURA PUBLIC SCHOOLS ISD 857
SCHOOL BOARD REPORT
08.11.2025

Purpose: To provide monthly updates to the School Board regarding progress on facility construction and improvement projects.

Key updates from this month include:

HIGH SCHOOL

Significant improvements are underway at the High School. This fall, work includes:

- Roof repairs – a pre-construction meeting is scheduled for August 21. Contractors plan to mobilize in late August, with roofing work starting in early September.
- Bathroom renovations
- Tuckpointing of exterior walls – the tuckpointing team is currently onsite and has begun cutting mortar joints. Brick, mortar, and joint sealant colors were finalized last week.
- Upgrades to the C-Gym: Refinishing is scheduled for mid-to-late October, with new bleacher installation to follow (to be completed by November).

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Space Planning:

Design discussions are ongoing for upgraded CTE spaces, with focus areas including:

- Ag Education, Construction (expanded to include plumbing/electrical), Robotics, and Welding
- Removal of old equipment and materials over the summer has created more flexible space
- Prioritizing mobile, adaptable furniture and equipment to support a range of instructional activities
- A specific list of desired new and replacement equipment is being finalized, with input from Southeast Tech, MDE, and others
- Once pricing is confirmed, the district will pursue grant and donation opportunities to support acquisition

HIGH SCHOOL & ELEMENTARY

1. Traffic Flow and Safety Improvements:

Final designs have been developed for improved traffic circulation and safety at both schools. Key elements include:

- Redesigned bus and parent drop-off/pick-up zones at each building
- Updated bus loop layouts to enhance safety and efficiency

2. Secured Entrance Designs:

Design teams are finalizing plans for interior and exterior designs of the new secured entrances at both schools. Layouts for entry offices and access points have been reviewed to enhance building security while maintaining a welcoming environment.

3. Preliminary Interior Colors and Designs:

District staff and architectural partners have conducted multiple meetings to explore interior design features. Highlights include:

- Hands-on review of material samples to assess durability and function
- Evaluation of various flooring types (tile, carpet) for classrooms and hallways
- Development of basic color palettes for both schools, including wall and floor finishes



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4. HVAC, Plumbing, and Electrical Upgrades:

Engineering teams are actively developing plans for necessary infrastructure improvements. Current status includes:

- Ongoing building walkthroughs with consultants/contractors
- Bid documents targeted for release this fall
- The Board will receive detailed bid package information prior to release
- Bid Packages will include optional alternates for Board consideration based on cost-benefit

NON-REFERENDUM FACILITIES UPDATES

In a parallel sustainability effort, solar panels have been installed:

- On the roof of the elementary school
- On the ground at the high school

These installations are not funded through the referendum but made possible through:

- 80% federal funding
- 20% district interest earnings

NEXT STEPS

- Continue refining and finalizing designs
- Prepare and review bid documents for fall distribution
- Provide further CTE equipment planning
- Monitor construction timelines and ensure timely communication with the Board