
Teaching Learning and Equity Department/Program Board Summary Report

This report is designed for Department or Program Leaders to provide a concise, high-level overview of their area's status, activities, and future plans to the School Board.

Report Identification

Field	Information
Department/Program Name:	1 st Street Building (Duluth Education Center, DNT)
Report Title:	Construction Progress
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Date of Board Meeting:	

Summary Report

I. Program Objectives & Goals (What are we trying to achieve?)

Construction Progress at the 1st Street Building (former DNT building located at 424 W 1st St Duluth MN). The building size is 72,000 sq ft, 51,000 sq ft of the building has been designed for program space; approximately 21,000 sq ft of space in the basement level is for future considerations.

Programs include:

- STEPS
- T-12/Bridge Special Education
- District Wide Staff
- ECSE
- Early Childhood
- District Testing/Screening
- Community Education
- ALC/ AEO – Middle School and High School
- Adult Education

The goal is to complete construction in the summer 2026.

II. Key Actions & Activities (What have we done recently?)

Construction on the 2nd floor has met notable milestones including inspections from the city, interior drywall installation 50% complete, and drywall taping 20% complete. The Electrical, Mechanical, and Plumbing rough-in inspections for the second phase of the 2nd floor are scheduled for January 9th. The first coat of paint will start on the 2nd floor at the end of January. Construction on the 1st floor has started, framing installation is 50% complete on the 1st floor.

Construction activities:

1. Material procurement is ongoing.
2. Demolition is complete.
3. Interior wall framing, drywall construction, door frame installation, electrical and mechanical rough-in are ongoing.
4. The steel for the 1st floor infills has been procured with installation starting in January.
5. Interior painting will start in late January.

III. Outcomes & Results (What was the impact?)

1. The construction schedule remains on track to complete the project in the summer 2026.

IV. Next Steps & Future Focus (What is planned for the future?)

1. Construction Progress:
 - a. Steel installation for the 1st floor infill starts in January.
 - b. Interior Construction will continue on the 1st floor and 2nd floor.
 - c. Periodic inspections from the city are ongoing.

2. The construction budget is updated monthly with the submission of the pay application.

Summary:

- a. Total Budget \$15,724,044.
- b. Cost to date: \$3,374,876.
- c. Contingency Remaining: \$258,416.
- d. FF&E Remaining: \$250,000.

F. Current Project Photos



Drywall Taping



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Mechanical Duct Installation



HVAC Plumbing and Electrical



Drywall Framing



Exterior Wall Temporary Enclosure