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# 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.

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## Report Identification

| Field                           | Information  |
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| <b>Department/Program Name:</b> | 1 <sup>st</sup> Street Building (Duluth Education Center, DNT) |
| <b>Report Title:</b>            | Construction Progress  |
| <b>Report Leader:</b>           | Bryan Brown  |
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| <b>Date of Board Meeting:</b>   |  |

# **Summary Report**

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

Construction Progress at the 1<sup>st</sup> Street Building (former DNT building located at 424 W 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> floor are scheduled for January 9th. The first coat of paint will start on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor at the end of January. Construction on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor has started, framing installation is 50% complete on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> floor infill starts in January.
  - b. Interior Construction will continue on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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



Drywall Taping



Mechanical Duct Installation



HVAC Plumbing and Electrical



Drywall Framing



Exterior Wall Temporary Enclosure