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LAKEVIEW JR HIGH SCHOOL

PRAIRIEVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ELIZABETH IDE SCHOOL

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May 2023 Board Report

Transportation

What a busy couple of weeks we have had in the world of transportation and an even busier end of the year schedule. In the past 10 days, we have taken more field trips than the last 3 years combined. Thus far, Prairieview has been to the Chicago history museum, Museum of Science & Industry and Naper Settlement & in May Both IDE and LV have weekly trips to round out the end of the school year. Many thanks to the drivers for working together to handle all of these extra curricular events and the LV away sporting events.

As May continues, planning for summer and 2023-24 school year is in full swing. The BACC summer camp will utilize buses for field trips three times per week as well as busing for 1-2 outplaced Sp. Ed students will keep our fleet busy and rotating. In addition, the summer is the time period where each bus receives its annual wheel pull/brake inspection and fall/early winter DOT certifications in preparation for school starting in Mid August. Following the transportation fleet plan shared over the winter with the board, we will be returning one bus off of lease and purchasing the 2nd return as opposed to receiving a new lease. This plan brings the total number of buses in the fleet to 13 buses down from 14 total buses.

Buildings & Grounds

Buildings & grounds work is keeping all of our small but mighty custodial & maintenance team very busy. We have had the LV musical, PTO evening events at each building and a very busy remainder of the school year. This includes band concerts, building visits, grandparents day, outdoor gym and science activities and much more. Thank you as always to our custodial and maintenance team as they navigate these busy last few weeks of school.

In terms of summer projects, we are finalizing the PV gym & multipurpose room flooring replacement selections, which should occur between mid June and mid July. At Lakeview, the intercom system will resume installation and set up after school dismisses, with a completion goal before the July 4th holiday. Aside from these projects, buildings will receive deep cleaning of spaces, steaming of carpeting, scrubbing of lockers/ desk surfaces and minor repair items throughout all spaces. There is a bit of scheduling tetris involved in navigating all of these items in between building rentals, summer schools and vacation schedules but our custodians work very well together in teams to accomplish these various scheduling availability. In addition, Our buildings receive all of their annual inspections including but not limited to; Fire alarm, pumps, backflow, extinguisher & kitchen hood inspections; bleachers, backstops and curtains as well as boiler, chilled water and water heaters.

We look forward to a productive and enjoyable summer ahead to prepare and regroup for the school year ahead!