

Buildings and Grounds 2026 Update

Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose Schools

School Security

This summer, improvements were made at each elementary school to further enhance building security by restricting access from the school offices into the instructional areas. Most schools required only hardware upgrades to existing doors. Discovery Elementary received new secure doors in both the principal's office and the Community Education office, while Northwinds Elementary received a new secure door in the principal's office.

Buffalo High School

Several facility improvement projects were completed or are nearing completion at Buffalo High School.

The partial re-roofing project over the Bison Activity Center (BAC) has been completed. Restoration of the BAC flooring began today and is scheduled to be completed and ready for use by **August 28**. The project schedule has been coordinated with Community Education and the High School Activities Director to minimize disruption to scheduled activities.

The staff restroom located in the B Hallway is being converted into a single-user restroom. This project is scheduled for completion by **August 14**.

Buffalo Community Middle School

Phase 2 of the mechanical upgrade project is scheduled to be substantially complete by **August 14**. This phase will provide cooling to the lower-level spaces of the middle school. Commissioning and testing, adjusting, and balancing (TAB) of the system will continue throughout the school year to allow performance to be evaluated under seasonal operating conditions.

The partial re-roofing project is also scheduled for completion by **August 14**, with installation of the metal flashing and caps expected to be completed by **August 31**. Replacement of the pool wall tile is scheduled for **March 2026**, following the conclusion of the boys' swimming season.

Parkside Elementary School

Improvements were completed in several instructional spaces this summer. Classrooms 207 and 309 received new casework, flooring, and ceiling tile. Classroom 108 received new flooring.

In addition, the classroom doors in the 200 hallway are being replaced and are scheduled to be completed by **August 14**.

Hanover Elementary School

The mechanical upgrade project at Hanover Elementary is scheduled for completion by **August 14**. This project converted the school's steam heating distribution system to a low-pressure hot water system. As with other mechanical projects, commissioning and TAB will continue into the school year to verify system performance during different seasons.

As part of this project, the media center was also renovated. The existing demountable walls were removed and replaced with permanent metal stud and gypsum board walls, creating new spaces that are more functional for both students and staff.

Montrose Elementary School

All student lockers throughout Montrose Elementary were replaced this summer. In addition, 30 new lockers were installed in the kindergarten area to better meet student needs.

Tatanka Elementary School

Grade improvements were completed on the west side of the building to improve site drainage. Existing asphalt and concrete were removed, the grade was adjusted to direct water away from the building, and new concrete and asphalt were installed.

The parking lot lighting was also relocated to the perimeter of the parking lot.

Previously, light poles and their bases were located within the sidewalks. Relocating the lighting improves pedestrian access and safety throughout the area.

Discovery Elementary School

The mechanical upgrade project at Discovery Elementary is scheduled for completion by **August 14**. The project converted the school's steam heating distribution system to a low-pressure hot water system. Commissioning and TAB will continue during the school year to ensure proper operation under varying seasonal conditions.

As part of the project, five classrooms were remodeled with new casework, ceilings, lighting, paint, and flooring.

The Teaching and Learning Office was also renovated. Existing demountable walls were removed and replaced with new metal stud and gypsum board walls in a redesigned layout. New ceilings, lighting, flooring, and paint were also included as part of the renovation.

Northwinds Elementary School

The walking paths around Northwinds Elementary were resurfaced with new asphalt. In addition, the school's entrance and a portion of the parking lot were milled and overlaid with asphalt, improving both the condition and longevity of these surfaces.

Closing

The 2026 summer construction season included improvements across the district focused on building security, mechanical system modernization, facility renewal, and site improvements. These projects continue to support safe, functional, and well-maintained learning environments for students, staff, and the community while preserving district facilities for the future.