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To: Dr. Dave Palzet, Superintendent
From: Griffin L. Sonntag, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations
Date: August 6, 2026
RE: Summer Facilities and Operations Update

As we prepare to welcome students and staff back for the new school year, I am pleased to report that our planned summer facilities, maintenance, and operational projects are on track to be completed by our teachers' first official day on August 17. Thanks to the outstanding work of our maintenance, custodial, technology, and contractor partners, our schools will be ready to welcome students for another successful year. I am also happy to report that all of our summer projects remain on schedule and within budget.

Our new cleaning service has done an excellent job throughout the district. Classrooms, hallways, offices, and common areas have been thoroughly cleaned, and floors have been waxed and polished. Their attention to detail has made a noticeable difference, and our schools look bright, refreshed, and welcoming.

We also completed several important instructional and facility improvements this summer. New furniture was added to kindergarten classrooms and seventh-grade learning spaces across the district. At PES, we installed a beautiful new gymnasium floor and a new movable wall, both of which will improve the functionality and flexibility of the space for years to come. I can't wait for the PES school community to see the finished gymnasium, and even more importantly, to watch our students enjoy playing on the new floor.

The final classrooms included in our Apple Ready Classroom project have also been completed. With this work finished, all identified classrooms now have the updated technology and infrastructure needed to support teaching and learning.

Additional building improvements included the replacement of multiple exterior doors at PES and sump pumps at PMS. We also began the process of upgrading the fire alarm system at PMS. Because of the size and complexity of that project, the remaining work will be completed during scheduled school breaks throughout the 2026–2027 school year to minimize disruption to students and staff.

Finally, our annual maintenance, inspections, and required safety preparations are on track to be completed before staff return on August 17, ensuring our facilities are safe, reliable, and prepared for the start of the school year.

Thank you to our custodial, maintenance, technology, and administrative teams, as well as our contractors and service partners, for their hard work throughout the summer. Their dedication and commitment continue to make a positive difference for our students, staff, and community, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back for their best year yet here in Pleasantdale!