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August 2026 Board Report

Transportation

This summer, we had 4 buses and drivers utilized for outplaced ESY students throughout June and July as well as a targeted summer enrichment program in house. Intermixed in between these routes, buses have gone and continue to go for their annual summer maintenance and DOT inspections in preparation for the start of the 26-27 school year. As new bus costs continue to rise exponentially, with the board's support and an increase in maintenance support from within, we have opted to purchase our leased buses as opposed to beginning new leases. While new buses are inevitable needs in the future as the fleet ages, we are being very good financial stewards by retaining equipment and keeping buses as assets as opposed to paying ongoing leases.

Routing is well underway and will be completed in time for the start of the 26-27 school year. Routes for the upcoming year will be very similar to those of last year as we have settled into a good spot on route timing, bell timing and student loads. In addition, we continue to increase our ability to cover transportation of outplaced Special Ed students which comes as a significant savings to the district as opposed to outsourcing those students.

Buildings & Grounds

This summer projects are winding down just in time to welcome back our staff and students. Despite unfavorable weather in July and some other troubleshooting, all projects will be completed in time to welcome everyone back. A quick recap is below, thank you to the board and community for your support as we repair and upgrade our facilities. A huge thank you goes to our custodians and maintenance personnel who have made all of this successful work possible.

Elizabeth IDE:

- Tuckpointing of all exterior masonry

Lakeview:

- Roofing retrofit for sections 1-3 is completed.
- Gym 1 renovations completed and wrapping up:
 - Fresh paint, graphics, wall & corner padding and finishing touches on the video walls
 - Event entry/exit door added to the southwest wall of the gym for events/games/concerts
 - Flooring replacement with LVT tile and logo to match
- Parking lot renovations
 - Complete removal of old asphalt and areas concerning sub base stone and/or soil and pouring of heavy duty asphalt.
 - Removal of existing light poles, bases, wiring and installation of new LED lighting and higher bases (ongoing shipping delays of light poles)
 - Additional traffic lane width between PV and the parking lot to the east and bus enclosure.
 - Installation of an additional 100 yard dash asphalt track to the east of the parking lot.
 - Rubberized surface and additional landscaping to come
 - Additional storm drain installation and re-leveling of all sewer drain covers.

Prairieview:

- Playground expansion completed, eliminating areas of inevitable mud, increasing overall square footage of the mulched surface and enclosure of the recent GaGa Pit addition
- Grading and seeding of the baseball outfield and PV soccer field areas.
- Replacement of original tile from the main corridor through to the MP room & Gym.

