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Operations Reports: August 2026



Facilities and Maintenance

John Simpson, Director of Facilities and Maintenance

This summer, the Facilities Department successfully completed a significant amount of work in preparation for the 2026-27 school year. As part of our summer relocation efforts, we moved K-2 to River Mill Elementary and grades 3-5 to Clackamas River Elementary. Our team also supported Summer School by transporting K-12 curriculum and materials from district buildings to the Middle School.

Our custodial teams worked extremely hard to ensure all buildings were ready for teaching and learning. At both elementary schools, staff not only relocated curriculum and supported the movement of teachers and classrooms, but also completed extensive summer cleaning projects. These included stripping and waxing floors, carpet cleaning, and deep cleaning classrooms and common areas.

A special shout-out goes to everyone in Facilities custodial, grounds, and maintenance for working together so effectively throughout the summer. The amount of work accomplished in just six weeks reflects the teamwork, flexibility, and dedication of our Facilities staff.

Despite the significant number of projects and relocations, we were able to have classrooms ready and provide teachers access to their rooms by August 8, helping ensure staff had time to prepare their classrooms before the start of the school year.

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Technology Department

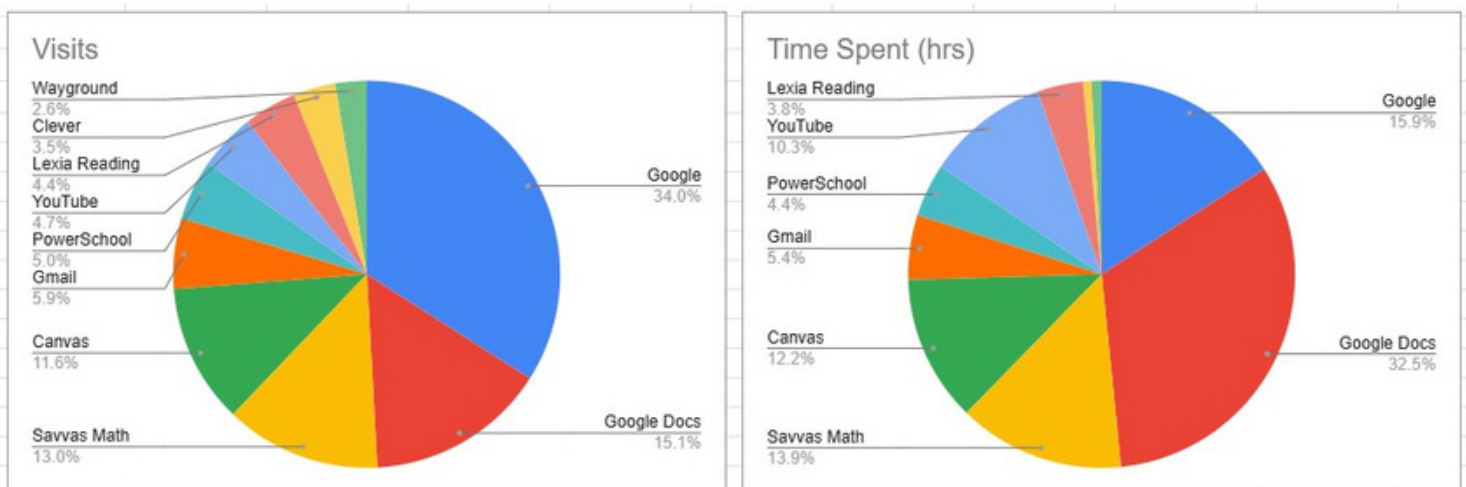
Kristy Cheshier, Director of Technology

✓ Wins:

- Card readers at operations building entrances have been installed, enhancing access control and security.
- A new print server has been deployed and is fully operational, providing improved reliability and management of district printing services.
- The Technology Team attended the 2026 AI Empowered Edu Conference at the University of Portland to stay current with evolving educational technologies and practices.

🧠 Learned:

- The chart below highlights the top 10 websites applications accessed by students on district-issued Chromebooks during the last month of school. Google, Google Docs, Savvas Math, and Canvas were among the most frequently used resources.



🎯 Focus:

- Summer technology work is underway, including deployment of a new printer management solution to enhance security and improve remote administration, technology relocations associated with the elementary school reconfiguration, and routine infrastructure maintenance for the 2026–27 school year.

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Nutrition Services Department

Lori Dyson, Nutrition Services Coordinator

Summer 2026-Nutrition Services implemented a new meal service model, providing free breakfast and lunch to community children through the USDA/ODE Summer Food Service Program.

- 12 service/labor days vs. 20+ days in previous summers
- 10,560 reimbursable meals served as of July 31
- Averaging ~300 community children, ages 1–18, per day
- Final community meal service: August 13

In addition, Summer Nutrition staff supported K–12 District Summer Learning Programs, serving:

- 1,500 breakfasts + 1,800 lunches
- Funded through the ODE Summer Learning Grant

Year	Operating days	Meal count
2019	22	3206
2020	10	2676
2021	21	2995
2022	18	2380
2023	19	2947
2024	24	7125
2025	23	5746
2026	12	10,560
		2026 # as of July 31st

Looking Ahead to 2026–27

- Maintain districtwide participation in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) under the district's current four-year agreement through the 28-29 school year, ensuring free breakfast and lunch for all students. Current identified Student Percentage (ISP) is 64.48%.
- Continue participation in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) to receive reimbursement for lunches served during REID Days.

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Transportation Department

Sterling Smith, Transportation Coordinator

Summary:

The district welcomed their new Transportation Coordinator, Sterling Smith. He comes from the commercial trucking sector, with over 10 years of experience managing fleets and delivery drivers, both union and company employees. Over the summer, he is focused on closing out FY '25-'26 with the ODE, establishing report and transportation expectations for the department and district, as well as setting up the department for success into the new school year.

Routes:

- 13,350 miles driven summer to date
- 2 EHS summer school routes in June
- 6 ESY & K-8 EMS summer school routes in July/August

Outsource:

- ESD Transportation provided two buses for the Eagle Fern Camp, July 29th– July 3rd.
- Clackamas Community College's CTE Summer Camp 2026 is WE 08/15. Our drivers are recruited to transport six students from the Estacada High School to the CCC campus during that week.

Completed Projects:

- Thanks to the facilities team, the transportation office and driver breakroom are now renovated, with fresh wall patching, paint, and refinished floors. The space is ready for drivers to return for the school year.
- A full compliance audit was completed, reviewing all drivers' compliance documents and files. We duplicated and digitized the files.
- All buses were audited for the required in-unit documentation and safety tools.
- Six buses had their annual inspections completed in July and August. All units are up to date through September.

Remaining Summer Action Items:

- Building the culture with the department. With the change in leadership, establishing a cohesive and consistent message and leadership presence is paramount.
- Working with our routing software vendor, Transportant, to build useful data tools for ODE reporting.
- Organizing and distributing student ID cards