

**Date:** June1st, 2026

**To:** Dr. Robert Halverson, Superintendent of Schools  
East Aurora School District 131 Board of Education

**From:** Andrew Allen, Assistant Superintendent of Operations

**Subject:** EAHS Food Pantry Elevator update

**The Issue:**

The Food Pantry Elevator at the high school has temporarily gone offline, temporarily halting the transport of goods for both the pantry and school meal operations. To resolve this, the B&G team arranged for a formal re-inspection and operational load testing.

**Supporting Data:**

Supporting information from Total Elevator Service: "A further assessment of the elevator was also completed. Mechanics noted that the doors are visibly bent due to prior damage, likely caused by pallet jacks based on the service history of this elevator. However, the internal door components including the locks, clutch, hanger rollers, and door operator are all in good condition. At this time, the technicians recommend replacing the top floor hatch doors, including both door panels and gibs. In addition, mechanics recommend repairing or replacing the right-side steadying plate bumpers."

"Based on their assessment, the mechanics are confident that the damaged door components are the primary source of the entrapments and operational issues being experienced."

**Recommendation:**

We will move forward with the recommended repairs for this elevator. Total Elevator Service is our proven partner who completes our repairs and yearly inspections of all elevators and lifts in the district.



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**Fwd: EAHS kitchen lift 500 Tomcat LN Aurora IL 60505**

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**From** Nicholas R. Kuri <NKURI@d131.org>

**Date** Thu 5/14/2026 11:49 AM

**To** Andrew J. Allen <AALLEN@d131.org>; Ashraf Kawash <AKAWASH@d131.org>

Here is the load test and inspection report for the high school kitchen elevator.

*Nicholas 'Nick' Kuri*  
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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Lisa Esposito <lesposito@totalelevator.co>

**Date:** May 14, 2026 at 11:16:30 AM CDT

**To:** Jim Crafton <jim@totalelevator.co>, "Nicholas R. Kuri" <NKURI@d131.org>

**Cc:** Ashraf Kawash <AKAWASH@d131.org>, Daniel Shultz <dshultz@totalelevator.co>

**Subject: Re: EAHS kitchen lift 500 Tomcat LN Aurora IL 60505**

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Good morning,

As requested, the full load test was performed on the kitchen car at the high school on Monday and passed successfully. This test is conducted to check for hydraulic leaks within the system. During testing, the platform remained level without any sinking, no hydraulic leaks were observed, and the pit remained completely dry.

A further assessment of the elevator was also completed. Mechanics noted that the doors are visibly bent due to prior damage, likely caused by pallet jacks based on the service history of this elevator. However, the internal door components including the locks, clutch, hanger rollers, and door operator are all in good condition. At this time, the technicians recommend replacing the top floor hatch doors, including both door panels and gibs. In addition, mechanics recommend repairing or replacing the right-side steadying plate bumpers.

Based on their assessment, the mechanics are confident that the damaged door components are the primary source of the entrapments and operational issues being experienced. Please expect a quote for the recommended repairs from a member of our team soon. Let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Lisa Esposito  
Total Elevator Service  
General Manager  
(630)791-9553



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**From:** Jim Crafton  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 6, 2026 10:03 AM  
**To:** Nicholas R. Kuri; Lisa Esposito  
**Cc:** Ashraf Kawash  
**Subject:** Re: EAHS kitchen lift 500 Tomcat LN Aurora IL 60505

Good morning Nick and AJ. We will take a look at the unit and get you test results, as well as repair or replacement quotes. That unit is obsolete and because of the age is at the end of useful service.

Lisa will set a service call date and we will let you know when.

Thanks.

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**From:** Nicholas R. Kuri <NKURI@d131.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 6, 2026 8:40:49 AM  
**To:** Lisa Esposito