



Facilities Report for September 2025 School Board Meeting

Highlighting August 2025 Activities

Department:	Facilities
HR Business Services Committee:	09.08. 2025
Regular Board Meeting:	09.16.2025
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Manager's Minutes:

- Summer projects have been completed.
- Bids for the 1st Street building project were opened on August 6th at the DSC, with contractor selection and pre-construction work beginning immediately for a planned early September start date.

What We're Working On:

- DSC:
 - Transportation building Expansion in progress steel structure is being assembled. Holm Const
- Denfeld High School
 - Cafeteria terrazzo floor repairs completed.
 - Clock tower heating project is underway.
- East High School
 - Front entryway repairs complete.
 - Parking lot resurfacing complete.
 - Stormwater system inspection completed.
 - Cleaned and new sand filter media added.
 - Weight Room expansion completed.
 - CTE Manufacturing space development for new equipment is in process. DSGW is assigned; contractor selection for the project are pending.
- Lincoln Park:
 - Auditorium lighting re-lamped. Front of house lights only. New lighting design is underway.
 - Keyed elevator switches have been installed.
- Lowell:
 - Exterior envelope repairs are complete.
 - Walk-in cooler floor repairs are complete.
 - Currently receiving quotes for blinds for the new windows.
- Myers Wilkins:
 - A Conditional Use Permit with the City of Duluth for the guardrail installation has been approved. We are waiting on the City to provide the next steps.
 - Classroom build-outs for the Spanish Immersion classrooms have been completed.
 - New chiller installation is complete.

- Congdon:
 - New Mini Split system for IT closet completed.
- Lakewood:
 - Parking lot expansion is complete.
- Laura MacArthur/Stowe
 - Flooring projects completed.

Upcoming Changes/Improvements to the Department:

- Building Operations summer cleaning was a success. Over the summer, Facilities Operations cleaned approximately 1,753,095 Square feet of building space. All while serving the summer building activities.

Staffing Report:

- Milestones:
 - Please join us in extending our deepest congratulations and sincere thanks to Elizabeth LeDoux and Daniel Kolden for 40 remarkable years of service, continuous learning, and invaluable contributions. Both were successful candidates, along with 25 others out of 250 applicants, back in 1985.
 - On August 27th, Elizabeth LeDoux reached her 40th year of dedicated service with Facilities at the Duluth School District. Elizabeth is currently the District Carpenter.
 - On August 28th, Daniel Kolden reached his 40th year of dedicated service with Facilities at the Duluth School District. Daniel was the Engineer 2 at Rockridge and retired on September 2nd.

We wish Liz continued success and happiness in her vital role! We also wish Dan happiness and health in all of his new endeavors as the retirement wind blows. We are incredibly fortunate to have had the expertise and dedication as part of the ISD709 family.

Work Orders: As of September 2nd

- Work in Progress 374
- Work orders completed 160