



Diamond Lake School District 76

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TO: Board of Education
FROM: Chris Thibadeau
SUBJECT: Summer 2026 Project Update

The Buildings and Grounds Department has been preparing for Summer 2026 by identifying potential repair and replacement projects and, where applicable, soliciting preliminary information. Detailed below are several projects identified for the Board of Education's awareness and consideration. Some projects fall below the District's formal bidding threshold, while others are being pursued through cooperative purchasing methods; neither approach requires a formal bid process. Some projects do not yet have associated cost information.

- **DLS Sidewalk Project**

The remaining original sidewalk sections at Diamond Lake School have reached the end of their useful life, and continued patching is no longer a practical or cost-effective solution. By replacing the remaining sidewalk that is in disrepair, this would improve pedestrian safety, reduce recurring maintenance costs, and bring the remaining areas in line with sidewalk replacements already completed at DLS, while also limiting future liability exposure.

- **WOC Courtyard Project**

The District is exploring the enclosure of the WOIS courtyard to create additional flexible instructional space using the design-build procurement method. Bid documents were released to the public on January 28, and bids are due by March 2. Following receipt, the bids will be vetted by the District team and presented to the Board of Education at a future meeting, at which time the Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

- **DLS Garage Remodel**

We are exploring rebuilding and expanding the existing garage at Diamond Lake School to accommodate a dedicated community closet and food pantry. This project would allow the district to create a more private, respectful, and functional space that protects the dignity of the families who utilize it, while also providing adequate storage to consolidate, organize, and catalog donations in a single location. Rebuilding and expanding the garage supports both the operational needs of the program and the district's broader commitment to serving our school community.



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- **DLS Cast Iron Sewer Pipe Replacement**

Following several assessments of Diamond Lake School's sanitary piping, it is clear that replacement is necessary to prevent costly emergency repairs and maintain a safe, efficient infrastructure. The existing piping is deteriorating, posing potential health and maintenance risks if left unaddressed.

- **WOC Air Handler Repair**

We are working with a firm to obtain costs to rehabilitate five aging air handling units at West Oak Campus. This process includes sanitizing the units, replacing deteriorated insulation, and upgrading traditional fan motor assemblies to modern fan array systems in order to restore the units to their original output and efficiency specifications. Rehabilitating these units is being evaluated as a cost-effective alternative to full replacement while extending equipment life and improving overall system performance.

- **Door Replacement (WOC & DLS)**

We have identified several sets of doors across the district that may require replacement and are currently soliciting quotes to evaluate potential scope and cost. These include the main gym doors and south exterior doors at Diamond Lake School, as well as the band practice room doors and cafeteria/gymnasium doors at West Oak Campus.

- **Future Summer Projects For Consideration**

The district is still in the process of soliciting quotes for several projects that will be presented to the Board of Education at a later date. Those projects are as follows:

- DLS mixed air unit 3 replacement (DLS cafeteria, this would also have an option to bring cooling to the space)
- Retrofitting the DLS unit ventilators with DX cooling.
- Running track and turf infield WOC