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Transportation/Operations Building Refresh: We recently completed a project refreshing and updating our Transportation/Operations building. The building hadn't had any exterior preventive maintenance or refresh work done since the mid 90s at the time Pierce Lake Elementary (PLE) was constructed. At that time the colors were meant to match or blend in with the landscape and the new PLE building. However, like anything over time, the building began to deteriorate; peeling and bubbling paint, faded colors, rusting garage doors frames, etc. This project was made possible by creatively using Sinking Funds due to much of the repair needs and the newer wash bay being unfinished, raw block. A small portion of the project was completed using general funds that fit within the budget. The safety bollards were also refreshed and repainted a nice bright yellow.



Filter First Drinking Fountains: In a previous board update, I had updated that we received state funding for new filter bubblers and fountains to be used across the district. This project can also be Sinking Fund eligible which is nice to know as it could act as a financial cushion for this project. However, as it stands currently we are well within our grant funded dollars still. The positive thing is that as a district over the last several years we had already begun installing filtered drinking fountains, so our numbers are lower than some of the less fortunate districts who hadn't done this. To date we have installed over 30 new filtered drinking fountains with filtered bottle fillers across the district. We will work toward updating and providing filtered bottle fillers in our classrooms of the elementary and pre school level buildings as well.

GO BULLDOGS!!

My Best,
Ross Potgiesser
Director of Operations