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	<p align="center">Monthly Progress Report</p> <p align="center">March 2021</p>
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### Recent Progress and Activities:

- The Central on the Hill site is still in ongoing negotiations and the District has been in discussions with a number of interested parties.
- A public hearing took place on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 on the plan to sell Historic Old Central High School and strategy for programs/staff currently located in the building.
- Tours for temporary swing space have occurred at multiple locations for the relocation of the District Services Center during construction. Viable options have been narrowed down and additional tours will occur.
- Multiple tours for lease space have occurred with the Alternative Learning Center & Academic Excellence Online team. Further tours will be taking place in the coming weeks with further refined property specifications.
- The design is in full swing on the District Services Center, Transportation Building, and Facilities remodel. The design team has been meeting every week, pushing forward with floor plans and details. Mechanical and Electrical design now has established floor plans to begin making strides on their scope.
- The existing sanitary lines were televised. The City determined if they are cleaned, roots removed and CIPP lined, the City would be willing to take ownership. This is great news that a total replacement may not be required.
- Additional soil borings were taken at the future building corners and retainage pond. This updated geotechnical report will aid in the structural analysis and budgetary planning of the final structures.
- Design consultants have continued communication with the City of Duluth on this HOCHS Relocation Project. A plan has been developed as to how the submittal process will occur in regards to rezoning application, regulatory plan, possible platting requirements, and development agreement.

## Upcoming Activities and Next Steps:

- Project consultants will be working with the District administration to comply with all required approvals associated with the special legislation process. Notable aspects of this process include:
  - Development of required documentation for submission to the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) for review and comment – tentatively scheduled for Late April 2021
  - Development of required documents for the submission of the rezoning, plat layout, regulatory plan, and development agreement to the City of Duluth.
  - The project is in the Design Development phase and is scheduled to be completed in late April. After which the final design phase (Construction Document Development) will be underway for a tentative completion of the end of May.
  - Continued refinement of a detailed financial analysis of the proposed plan for submission to the MDE
  - Ongoing search and selection of temporary lease space(s) for the relocation of the District Services Center. Also, continuing into April is the search and selection of lease space of the Alternative Learning Center & Academic Excellence Online group.