
Teaching Learning and Equity Department/Program Board Summary Report

This report is designed for Department or Program Leaders to provide a concise, high-level overview of their area's status, activities, and future plans to the School Board.

Report Identification

Field	Information
Department/Program Name:	1 st Street Building (Duluth Education Center, DNT)
Report Title:	Construction Progress
Report Leader:	Bryan Brown
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Date of Board Meeting:	

Summary Report

I. Program Objectives & Goals (What are we trying to achieve?)

Construction Progress at the 1st Street Building (former DNT building located at 424 W 1st St, Duluth, MN). The building size is 72,000 sq ft, 51,000 sq ft of the building has been designed for program space; approximately 21,000 sq ft of space in the basement level is for future considerations.

Programs include:

- STEPS
- T-12/Bridge Special Education
- District-Wide Staff
- ECSE & Early Childhood
- District Testing/Screening
- Community Education
- ALC/AEO – Middle School & High School
- Adult Education

The goal is to complete construction in the summer of 2026.

II. Key Actions & Activities (What have we done recently?)

Construction continues to advance on schedule, with notable progress on both the 1st and 2nd floors. Roofing work has begun and will continue through the summer. Approximately 50 contractors are on-site daily.

Recent Construction Highlights

2nd Floor:

Major construction activities are nearing completion on the 2nd floor. Finishes—including doors, casework, carpet, and lockers—are largely installed. Remaining work includes central bathrooms and ceiling tile installation. A preliminary punch list for the 2nd floor is scheduled for May.

1st Floor:

Work is focused on ceiling, above-ceiling infrastructure, and painting. Interior finishes, and flooring to start in May.

III. Outcomes & Results (What was the impact?)

The project remains on schedule for completion in summer 2026.

IV. Next Steps & Future Focus (What is planned for the future?)

Construction Priorities

- Continue 1st-floor flooring installation through May and June.
- Tile installation on both the 1st and 2nd floors.
- Mechanical and electrical finish work on the 1st floor and basement.
- Mechanical infrastructure installation on the 3rd floor.
- Elevator installation.
- Roof installation.

Budget Updates

The construction budget is updated monthly with each pay application.

Current Summary:

- Total Budget: \$15,724,044
- Cost to Date: \$10,273,569
- Contingency Remaining: \$49,980
- FF&E Remaining: \$250,000

F. Current Project Photos



Tack Boards through the ramp



New Door Installation



Casework and Plumbing in the Science Room



Roof Installation



Locker Installation



Tile Installation