

Executive Summary

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Winter Storm Update

BOARD GOAL:

Growth & Management... *In pursuit of excellence, we will:*

- Adjust policies and procedures to address rapid growth and changing demographics, nurturing our strong sense of community
- Demonstrate effective and efficient management of district resources
- Provide leadership and/or oversight to ensure District meets all fiscal, legal and regulatory requirements

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

This report serves to update the Board of Trustees about the Winter Storm recovery efforts.

OBJECTIVE:

This report outlines the financial impact of the storm and the current status of the process to rebuild and resupply Denton ISD facilities.

OPERATIONAL IMPACT:

Beginning on or about February 10, 2021, a winter storm warning was issued across the North Texas region, including Denton County. A total of 11 days spanned between the first Winter Weather Advisory issued on February 9th to when the last Hard Freeze Warning expired on or about February 20th. The storm brought unprecedented snow, sleet and subzero freezing temperatures making it one of the most impactful winter events (especially in Texas) in recent history. The storm caused multiday road closures, power outages, loss of heat, broken pipes and other significant impacts throughout the district and the surrounding community. At the depth of the cold, Denton Enterprise Airport tracked a record-breaking temperature of -6 degrees below zero. During the time of power outages, combined with subzero temperatures, various water systems froze and subsequently caused pipes to burst. The event resulted in the following disaster declarations:

- Feb 12, 2021: Governor Greg Abbott issues “Declaration of Disaster” for the entire state
- Feb 15, 2021: City of Denton issues “Declaration of Local Disaster and Order”
- Feb 19, 2021: Presidential Declaration for a major disaster issued for FEMA-4586-DR.

At the time of the event, Denton ISD had various bond construction projects in progress throughout the district and had contracted with Balfour Beatty to complete some of those projects. To expedite the recovery process, Denton ISD utilized its existing contract with Balfour Beatty. A TASB approved vendor, Balfour Beatty was ideally situated to address the storm damage on a timely basis and was able to issue a job order contract to address insurance claim-related repair work. The majority of the temporary and permanent repairs were able to be expedited during a two-week period (Spring Break and remote/distance learning week). The remaining repairs were completed during times that did not interrupt normally scheduled hours of operation, including the summer break.

This report falls short of expressing the dedication of the following departments: District Operations, Construction, Finance and Purchasing teams, Campus Leadership, Campus Secretaries, and the untold educators and support staff that worked through the days and nights to ensure the students of Denton ISD could return to school.

Due in part to supply chain issues and the many items that have been ordered and not yet received, work to finalize the claim is ongoing. Final construction summaries for each location have been submitted to TASB for review. Contents are being processed and will be evaluated and completed in November. An effort to close the claim will continue through January 2022.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

Denton ISD students returned to the classroom within days of the impact of the Winter Storm of 2021.

RESULTS:

School Site	Emergency Expense	Remediation	Permanent Repairs	Contents	Site Total
Adkins	\$4,180.00	\$255,302.69	\$196,120.18	\$231,355.33	\$686,958.20
Annex	\$9,485.00				\$9,485.00
Alexander	\$344.00				\$344.00
Ann Windle	\$1,929.13	\$629,451.99	\$304,726.93	\$74,219	\$1,010,327.05
Billy Ryan	\$5,379.27	\$16,816.47	\$4,325.60		\$26,521.34
Borman	\$3508.13	\$435,487.95	\$237,070.25	\$20,763.11	\$696,829.44
Braswell	\$1,768.49	\$196,359.21	\$52,407.50	\$99,440.64	\$349,975.84
Calhoun	\$1,090.94			\$899.00	\$1,990.00
CH Collins	\$2,237.82				\$2,238.00
Cross Oaks	\$472.47				\$472.00
Crownover	\$1,200.00	\$327,309.87	\$215,029.73	\$61,373.59	\$604,913.19
Denton HS	\$4,475.72	\$266,276	\$102,345.48	\$1,305.00	\$374,327.20
EP Rayzor	\$630.00				\$630.00
Evers	\$26,594.44	\$3,338.00	\$22,281.00	\$4,314.00	\$29,933.00
Fishtrap Ag	\$1,806.42	\$26,832.00	\$23,052.00		\$50,859.00
Giese	\$630.00				\$630.00
Gonzalez	\$1,116.97	\$177,284.46	\$101,375.58	\$4,752.75	\$284,529.30
Guyer	\$42,070.15	\$11,116.72	\$123,908.07	\$1,835.00	\$178,929.94
Harpool	\$70,517.65	\$2,529,443.58	\$2,109,316.42	\$222,157.70	\$4,931,434.70
Hawk	\$332.68				\$333.00
Hodge	\$2081.04	\$264,521.95	\$200,733.18	\$5,633.87	\$472,970.04
LA Nelson	\$6,245.90	\$395,824.50	\$325,198.06	\$64,412.43	\$791,680.89
LaGrone ATC	\$1,355.50	\$79,907.58	\$36,457.88	\$475.00	\$118,195.96
McMath				\$2,667.99	\$2,667.99
McNair	\$3,534.19				\$4,075.00
Myers	\$1,300.00				\$1,300.00
Navo	\$1,742.00			\$6,344.00	
Newton Rayzor	\$103.00				\$103.00
Rivera	\$30.00				\$30.00
Rodriguez	\$1,289.00				\$1,289.00
PDC	\$1,917.97				
Publications Center	\$3,915.00	\$59,243.50	\$34,761.13	\$24,943.64	\$122,863.27
Sam Houston	\$3,554.09	\$264,510.13	\$208,9013.13	\$41,010.65	\$517,976.00
Stephens				\$2,556.96	\$2,556.96
Strickland	\$21,565.29	\$39,821.00	\$110,966.00	\$8,603.71	
Technology				\$20,782.29	\$20,782.29
Transportation	\$1,466.00				\$1,466.00
Union Park	\$3,040.00	\$383,305.26	\$127,330.64	\$41,382.80	\$555,058.70
Misc. District		\$25,911.00	\$13,914.00	\$306,061.00	\$345,886.00
Total	\$199,706.39	\$6,388,064.86	\$6,430,333.76	\$941,228.46	\$13,959,331.47

Storm Recovery / TASB and FEMA:

Denton ISD, through its property insurance program with TASB, has two “uninsured” exposures per the terms and conditions of the policy:

- 1) the policy deductible in the amount of \$100,000; and,
- 2) an exclusion associated with the removal of mold as a result of the winter storm. The Presidential declaration (DR-4586) affords Denton ISD the opportunity to seek funding for its uninsured losses with FEMA. Three projects will be funded through FEMA:

- The policy deductible in the amount of \$100,000 (this will be paid at 75%, which is FEMA's cost share for this event)
- Approximately \$55k to cover mold-related expenses (under review)
- Approximately \$5k to \$7k to cover our internal cost/fees to prepare the claim.

Denton ISD is still working with TASB to approve all expenditures. The \$55k project with FEMA is contingent on the outcome of TASB's review and will be amended, when or if appropriate.

At this juncture, there are no material costs that will remain unfunded by TASB and/or FEMA outside of the statutory cost-share for eligible projects which will be less than \$25k.