
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
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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 and 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 on the 2nd floor continues to make great progress, including interior drywall installation, 75% complete, and drywall taping, 30% complete. The Electrical, Mechanical, and Plumbing rough-in inspections for the second phase of the 2nd floor, scheduled for January 9th, have all passed.

The first coat of paint for the walls and door frames started on the 2nd floor. Construction on the 1st floor has also started, and framing installation is 50% complete. Mechanical, Electrical, and plumbing rough-in have been ongoing as well on the 1st floor.

Construction activities:

1. Material procurement is ongoing.
2. Demolition is complete.
3. Interior wall framing, drywall construction, door frame installation, and electrical and mechanical rough-in are ongoing on the 1st and 2nd floors.
4. Structural steel for the 1st floor infills has been procured, with installation underway.
5. Interior painting and ceiling grind construction has started on the second floor.

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

1. The construction schedule remains on track to complete the project in the summer of 2026.

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

1. Construction Progress:
 - a. Steel decking/concrete and masonry walls to follow structural steel erection.
 - b. Interior Construction will continue on the 1st floor and 2nd floor.
 - c. Periodic inspections from the city are ongoing.
 - d. Carpet installation on the 2nd floor starts in late March.

2. The construction budget is updated monthly with the submission of the pay application.

Summary:

- a. Total Budget \$15,724,044.
- b. Cost to date: \$3,374,876.
- c. Contingency Remaining: \$221,009.
- d. FF&E Remaining: \$250,000.

F. Current Project Photos



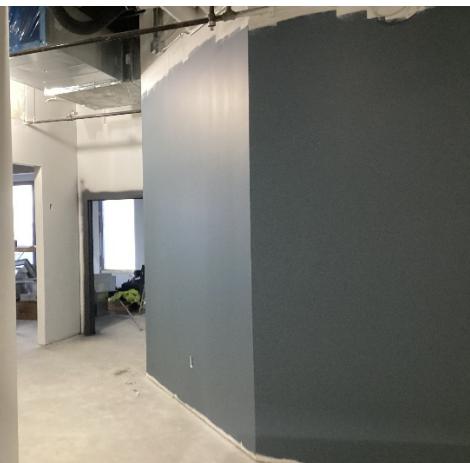
Drywall Installation



Structural Steel Erection



Mechanical Heating Lines



Wall Painting



Wall Painting



Restroom Rough-in