
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 is ongoing in preparation for carpet installation activities include: drywall taping, painting, and ceiling grid installation. Construction on the 1st floor continues in preparation for painting with activities including to with drywall installation, mechanical, and electrical rough-in, and the installation of the concrete floor slabs in the infill areas.

Construction activities:

1. Material procurement.
2. Interior wall framing, drywall construction, door frame installation, and electrical and mechanical rough-in.
3. Structural steel beams and concrete for the 1st floor infills.
4. The 1st floor wood joist system installation.
5. Painting and ceiling grid installation.

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 and 2nd floors.
 - c. Interior finishes such as carpet, tile, and cabinetry installation will start on the 2nd floor.
 - d. Periodic inspections from the city are ongoing.

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: \$6,318,558.
- c. Contingency Remaining: \$49,980.
- d. FF&E Remaining: \$250,000.

F. Current Project Photos



1st Floor Drywall Installation



1st Floor MEP Rough-In



Structural Steel Members Installed



1st Floor Joist System Rebuild



2nd Floor Painting Continues



2nd Floor Ceiling Grid Install