



# CENTER CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 66

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LAKEVIEW JR HIGH SCHOOL

PRAIRIEVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ELIZABETH IDE SCHOOL

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January 2025 Board Report

### Transportation

During the Holiday break, some of the bus fleet were taken for their semi annual safety certification and received any necessary repairs & maintenance. The mild weather also allowed for some additional cleaning and sanitizing inside and out without the risk of freezing. Cold and snow looks to be in our future now, so we will remain vigilant on the mechanical maintenance of the fleet.

On Tuesday January 7th, we hosted the annual 2 hour bus driver refresher course for our drivers as well as drivers from Darien #61 & Gower #62. This is a mandated yearly training required for renewal of all school bus permits. Hosting this event allows us to work closely with our other local districts running their own bus service and save on costs of having drivers travel to multiple classes throughout the county.

### Buildings & Grounds

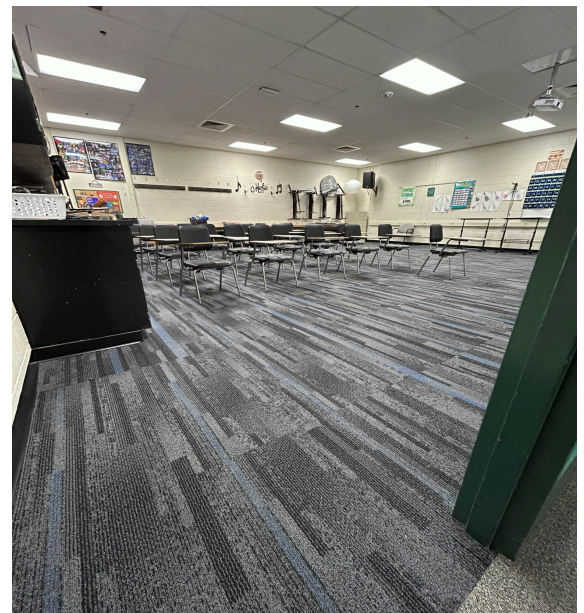
The Holiday Break was one of the busiest on record for our buildings. Thanks to all of our custodians and extra helpers for their teamwork to move around the district to accommodate the large number of projects occurring.

At Lakeview, all of the core classrooms in the A-wing and Science wing had the carpeting and baseboard replaced. During the next break, the IMC and associated offices and work rooms will likely be next up for flooring, followed by the finale of completing the hallways of the surrounding areas of new LVT to close out the summer of 2025. Also at Lakeview, Exit doors & frames #2, #3, #4 & #7 were completely replaced as well as repairing and installing new hardware on Door #8, all of which fall into one of the last projects under the federal SVPP grant.

**Before:**



**After:**



**Before:**



**After:**



At Prairieview, the hot water mixing system had reached the end of its serviceable life and was replaced entirely along with several of the automatic mixing valves in the automatic touch free sinks. In addition, HELM construction contractors began installing some of the new water valves and sensors ahead of the summer Building Automation System upgrade.



At IDE, the HVAC system had some failed compressors replaced and the system updated, as well as the upgrading of the original doors at the west Gym entrance, custodial gym entry and east custodial room entry. The door upgrades were also part of the SVPP grant work and were identified as necessary upgrades during our emergency drills.

Thank you to all of our custodians, contractors and staff for being so accommodating, especially the Lakeview teachers who had to pack up materials temporarily to allow the carpet replacement to occur.