

DATE: July 14, 2026

TITLE: Finance and Operations

TYPE: Information

PRESENTER: Todd Lechtenberg, Executive Director of Finance and Operations

BACKGROUND:

The Finance Department includes payroll, employee benefits, accounts payable, accounts receivable, accounting, and fixed asset management. The Executive Director of Finance and Operations oversees Facility Services, Food & Nutrition Services and Transportation Services.

Support and resources to ensure a safe and welcoming learning environment

- The Director of Facilities is working with Pappe to develop a plan to put security cameras out at our Wescott facilities and should be in place before the start of the school year.
- Working with Pappe to also develop a three-year plan to upgrade all our current security cameras and continue a more regular replacement cycle after that.

Packer Profile for all learners

- The departments continue to collaborate with colleagues across the district to better learn how we can support the work. Examples of improvements that we have provided to Packer Profile
 - Investments into strength finders for all 9th graders.
 - Improved the process to track our investments into Packer Profile.

District-wide multi-tiered systems of support for all learners

- Working with Special Services to look at ways to maximize reimbursement for 3rd party billing and special education.
- Reviewing our state and federal special education budgets to decide the best way to maximize our funding.

Excellence in Resource Management

- **Finance Department**
 - Work has started to develop the process and procedures related to our benefits open enrollment which will start around November 1st.
 - Here is the [financial review](#) for the month of May.
 - We are starting to review the process of applying for the ASBO Excellence in Reporting, which will be a goal for the 2025-2026 audit along with the 2026-2027 budget.
 - Had a ratings call with Moody's and our rating is not changing for the upcoming bonds sale in August.
- **Food and Nutrition Department**
 - Plans are underway to upgrade the kitchen facilities at AHS, Ellis, Southgate and Neveln.
 - Started planning for next summer's upgrades at the remaining sites.
 - In July, we must submit a request for proposals for our prime vendor, with applications due at the beginning of August and board approval in August.

- **Building and Grounds**

- Thank you to our amazing custodians and maintenance teams for all their hard work on get our buildings and grounds ready this summer with all cleaning and outside projects.
- Reviewing systemic designs for next summer's Indoor Air Quality with ISG and Knutson to ensure that bids can happen this fall.
- Annual maintenance started during the month of June with tuckpointing being done at AHS, seal-coating the parking lot over by MacPhail and working on the overall appearance of our lawns.
- Works started July 1st on the removal of the track surface at Wescott and fixing of cracks at the tennis courts.