
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
Report Leader:	Bryan Brown
Date Submitted:	7-9-2026
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 & 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 continues to make progress in the basement, 1st, and 3rd floors, while site activity has slowed on the 2nd floor. Approximately 30 contractors are onsite daily.

Recent Construction Highlights

3rd Floor/Roof:

The new mechanical equipment is delivered and installation is ongoing.

2nd Floor:

Major construction is completed on this floor. The punch list has been completed by the design team, and trades are making progress on completing it.

Final cleaning begins in certain areas.

1st Floor:

Floor tile continues to move forward with only a few rooms remaining.

Acoustical ceilings are nearing completion as well.

Casework installation continues.

The installation of doors and hardware continues.

The MEP trades are well into installing finishes.

Storefront entries have begun installation.

Basement:

The generator room continues to see electrical and mechanical rough-ins.

Elevator demolition is complete, with reinstallation starting 7/13/26.

Ceiling grid and painting have begun.

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

The project remains on schedule for completion in summer 2026.

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

Construction Priorities

- A pre final inspection meeting has taken place with the city, and Life Safety Testing is scheduled for the end of August.
- General trade finishes/testing/inspections throughout the site.
- A power outage is coordinated with Minnesota Power for the week of July 13th.
- Elevator installation.
- The permit for the exterior sign has been approved by the city.
- Certificate of Occupancy is planned for August.

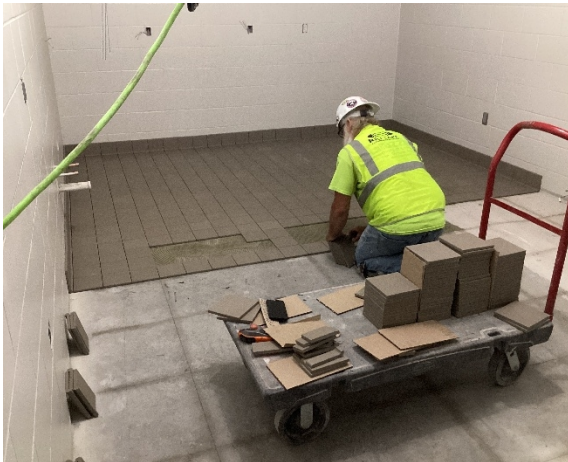
Budget Updates

The construction budget is updated monthly with each pay application.

Current Summary:

- Total Budget: \$15,724,044
- Cost to Date: \$12,334,667
- Contingency Remaining: \$5,182

F. Current Project Photos



Floor tile installation on 1st floor



Casework installation on the 1st floor



Ceiling grid installation in the basement



Generator rough-ins continue in the basement



MEP finishes continue throughout the site



Mechanical unit rough-ins continue on the roof