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**TITLE:** Finance and Operations

**TYPE:** Information

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**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**

- Security camera work has started at Wescott Facilities and should be wrapped up before our first games.
- Pappe has developed a three-year plan to upgrade all our current security cameras and continue a more regular replacement cycle after that.
- New concrete was laid on our track surface at the end of July, and we are in the curing process right now. It takes around 28 days to cure and after that we will be putting the new Mondo surface on.
- Phase 2 of the Ellis Stage Lightening project wrapped up the first of August and excited with how it looks.
- Work as started at Wescott to update the sound and lighting at Hass Stadium and will be wrapped up before the first games are played.

**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**
  - Open enrollment for the 2027 benefits will be open from October 26 to November 9<sup>th</sup>. Team is working towards the setup of new groups to help facilitate a smoother enrollment process.
  - Here is the [financial review](#) for the month of June.
  - 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.

- We have moved to a new vendor with our P-card and learning work is going on right now. The goal is to have a new manual ready by the end of the year.
- **Food and Nutrition Department**
  - Work has finished at Southgate and Neveln on the kitchen remodels with finally touch ups happening at AHS and Ellis. All work should be wrapped up by the beginning of school.
  - We are going to partner with ISG to help develop and manage the remaining upgrades at the other sites.
- **Building and Grounds**
  - Thank you to our amazing custodians and maintenance teams for all their hard work on getting 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.