



DATE: June 8, 2026

TITLE: Finance and Operations

TYPE: Information

PRESENTER(S): 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

- Developing a plan for security cameras not only installing new ones but also ensuring we have replacement plans in place for current ones.
- Summer projects are underway at many locations that will help ensure a safe and welcoming learning environment
 - AHS office Space with painting and carpet
 - Resurfacing of the track
 - Removal of dead trees and stump removal around the district
 - Upgrades to kitchens at AHS, Ellis, Southgate and Neveln
 - Upgrades to our sound systems at Wescott Complex
- Held our kickoff meeting with Knutson Construction Company as they move into the CMA role to help us with the restroom and IAQ projects over 2027 and 2028 summers

Packer Profile for all learners

- The Departments continue to collaborate with colleagues across the district to better learn how we can support the work.

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

- The Departments continue to collaborate with Teaching & Learning, Special Services, and Building Administration to support and learn about MTSS and the impact it will have on student success.
- Reviewing our state and federal special education budgets to decide the best way to maximize our funding.

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- **Finance Department**
 - Adopted budget is almost complete and will be presented at the June Special Session.
 - Here is the financial review for [April](#). If you have any questions, please contact us.
 - 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.
 - Thank you to Sue Stark for helping finalize all the non-union handbooks to ensure that we can get all wages updated before June.
- **Food and Nutrition Department**
 - Plans are underway to upgrade the kitchen facilities at AHS, Ellis, Southgate and Neveln

- **Building and Grounds**

- Been meeting with City of Austin and Riverland to develop to ensure that the Austin Public Schools baseball program will have access to the fields at Riverland. These meetings have been productive, and the joint powers agreement is almost ready between City of Austin and Riverland.
- Annual maintenance has or will be starting in June with the following services
 - Tuckpointing at AHS
 - Lawn care maintenance program at all facilities with weed control
 - Seal coating of parking lots
 - Roof maintenance