



WOODRIDGE
SCHOOL DISTRICT 68

memo

To: The Board of Education and Dr. Patrick Broncato, Superintendent
From: Curt Saindon, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services/CSBO
Kyle Hansen, Director of Buildings and Grounds
Date: July 16, 2026
Subject: Summer Construction Update

Summer is in full swing and it is hard to believe that four weeks from Monday our teachers will be returning for the 2026-27 school year! We have half a dozen projects underway right now and all are progressing on time (to be completed by August 7th at the latest) and on budget (all projects came in slightly under budget and we hope to return some unused contingency and allowance monies at the end of the work as well). We have about \$1.55M of budgeted work going on at all of our Elementary Schools (all but Jefferson, where we are working on the Challenger Course, with the Park District taking the lead on that project) and we hope to complete the work for about \$1.15M when all is said and done. The most extensive work is going on at Murphy and Edgewood, and those projects will probably not be wrapped up until early August (we have scheduled August 7th Occupancy Permit Walkthroughs with the Regional Office of Education). Goodrich and Meadowview will likely also not be completed until early August and the Siple and Willow Creek work should hopefully be done in the next week or two. Finally, the Park District is opening bids for the JJH Challenge Course next week, and I will give you an update regarding the bid results as soon as we hear from the Park District. This project should be completed in late September/early October, depending on equipment lead times, and we hope to open the Challenge course this fall! Assuming the proposals are near budget projections, the Park District expects to bring a recommendation to their Board in late July, and we have already agreed to share in the cost of this project (up to \$200K), as needed. With a State Grant received by the Park District, we expect our share to be less than the \$200K committed. Here is a quick update and summary of the work going on at each school.

Murphy

Ceiling replacements in every classroom, front office renovations, bathroom renovations, and the creation of a new, handicap accessible bathroom near the front main office. These extensive renovations, and the creation of a new bathroom have already begun and the total cost of work at Murphy is around \$450K. We are on schedule on budget and all work is progressing nicely.



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Edgewood

Spandrel Panel Replacements in the front of the building and the courtyard, and teacher's lounge renovations costing about \$200K in total. We are on schedule and on budget and all work is progressing nicely.

Sipley

We have a handful of door and door frame replacements that will cost about \$75K throughout the building. We are on schedule and on budget and all work is progressing nicely.

Willow Creek

We have a handful of door and door frame replacements that will cost about \$50K throughout the building. We are on schedule and on budget and all work is progressing nicely.

Goodrich

We have some extensive bathroom renovations going on at Goodrich that will cost about \$250K in total. We are on schedule and on budget and all work is progressing nicely.

Meadowview

We have some extensive bathroom renovations going on at Meadowview, as well as the installation of a wheelchair lift on the west end of the building (completed in June) that will cost about \$280K in total. We are on schedule and on budget and all work is progressing nicely.

Jefferson

We have the Challenger Course Project that is being spearheaded by the Park District and we have agreed to spend up to \$200K for this joint/cooperative project. With some State approved capital funding we are hoping to spend much less than that (hopefully around \$100K, when all is said and done). This project was led by the Park District in early July and bids will be opened this week. After Board approval and securing of the contracts, installation will hopefully begin in September with the course opening sometime in the fall.

General/Overall

Two other general and significant projects being undertaken this summer that are not technically part of our regular construction and renovation plan (ie, they are being done by us internally and not managed by ICI or overseen by Wight) are the transitioning of our Energy Management System Platform at JJH and Murphy by Kyle and Grant (with help from IBS) at a cost of about \$35K and transitioning from our current VMWare system to a new Dell Datacenter system by Josh and Mike at a cost of about \$210K (see the Board Recommendation for more details).



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All in all things are going very well so far this summer, and all of the Contractors are doing a great job manning our projects and keeping things moving in a positive direction. We continue to have construction meetings every Wednesday morning with Wight, ICI and AMSCO, and we will keep you informed if anything important or pressing comes up as we move toward substantial completion. As always, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to let me or Kyle know. Thank you.