

Facilities Department Update for November 1st 2023

- The summer cleaning process was very similar to years past including deep cleaning of all buildings to include emptying every room cleaning all furniture, walls, lights and floors. We again this year used many high school students as custodial subs because we were down approximately 5 full time employees
- CIP projects completed this summer include
 - Replacing the flooring in IHGMS Media Center
 - Replacing IHGMS intercom system to include new lockdown stations and active visual notification of the intercom in areas that are loud
 - We are in the process of attaining our work van
- We were also down to half staff for maintenance this summer but were still able to complete many in house repairs and upgrades including re working the walls to improve traffic flow in the RHS office, re working the built in shelves and counters in the IHGMS media center to improve usable space, and installing new plumbing to all of our chemical dispensing units to meet new requirements.
- We are continuing with the same safety/emergency training as we have in the past
 - We completed “Drill a Day” for eight days in a row, one for each emergency response action
 - We have sent our updated Emergency Operations plan to the state. The only addition this year was an added annex for sports related emergencies.
 - We have updated MOU’s with the rally points for the main schools
 - The individual school’s safety teams have begun to meet and will focus on both school safety as it pertains to risk management as well as school safety as it pertains to emergency preparedness
- We will be planning a district/town wide drill this year at the middle school
- We are continuing to utilize ALICE this year. Staff were all assigned an online refresher training
- New Staff went through the ALICE scenario based training which involves an interactive presentation as well as live action progressive training taking them through the steps of ALICE and information based decision making during an emergency
- The ESSR funded HVAC controls upgrade project is completed at the middle school and close to completion at the High School.
- I am applying for the states SAFE grant for a few different projects. The grant is up to 100k per school and is a 100 percent coverage grant. I will be focusing on emergency notification at both the High School and Elementary and a school year SRO for the High School.