

## Facilities Update 4/3/24

The facilities department continues to stay busy with day to day operations while still being short staffed. We are currently only short one full time custodian and one-part time custodian. We continue to use substitute custodians to cover as well as stretching the workload over the current full time custodians.

The HVAC controls project with EEI and ENE is wrapped up and working well. I am expecting some minor issues as we make our first transition from heating to cooling with the new system. The upgrade has been a great addition allowing us more control over the system as well as more accurate information which allows us to fine tune the schedule and the system overall.

We did receive another round of the SAFE grant from the state. We were awarded funds to replace the LRES intercom to include exterior horns, amber lights for loud areas, and lockdown buttons in the hallways. This project is currently out to bid. The other project we were awarded was for upgraded deadbolts on the IHGMS classroom doors. These new dead bolts will be indicator locks allowing classroom users to quickly and clearly identify if the door is locked. We will also be re-keying the interior doors as part of this project. This project is also out for bid.

We have completed our third and final round of lead testing as part of the states Get the Lead Out Program. This program requires that we test every outlet that is used for water consumption by children. We did have a few high level results that were corrected through re plumbing and new fixtures. Those sites were tested again and have passed.

I have completed the See Something Say Something/Situational Awareness training for grades 4 – 12. This training is modified and taught by the counselors in grades K – 3. This training is an importance piece

We have updated our emergency response actions from a total of eight to a total of five. Three of the actions were absorbed into the remaining five. This was done in an effort to streamline the options during an emergency event and we realized through training there was overlap and areas we wanted to tighten up.

Sam Horrigan and I will be attending a regional student/parent reunification training on April third in Exeter. This training is both classroom and hands on and the long term goal would be to train the same regionally to increase resources available for this important process in the event of a real emergency.

We are set and finalizing the final details for our annual district emergency drill. This drill involves the town's first responders as well as our transportation company. This drill is designed to practice and test multiple layers within our Emergency Operations Plan. The drill will begin at the Middle School and based on the scenario should lead to the rally point and the High School.