

Facilities Update

School Committee Meeting
September 23, 2024



SPS Facilities: Strategic Priorities

Ensure **safe, accessible & inclusive** environments for all, upholding our core values of equity and access

Collaborate with the City to **develop a prioritization system** to maintain optimal building conditions and proactively address potential concerns

Prioritize the **Winter Hill** Community Innovation School and the Benjamin G. **Brown School** facilities, in pursuing facility renovations or projects

Provide transparent and accessible **communication updates** across stakeholders to foster trust and accountability

Strengthen our relationship with the City through **mutual understanding**, improved coordination, and shared responsibility to achieve better outcomes for students and staff

Fulfill all requirements in the **MSBA** process to obtain **state funding** for WHCIS and potentially the Brown school renovations

New Measures to Advance Priorities

Principal Interviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Conducted at the end of SY23-SY24❖ Identified themes, needs, and developed plan for SY24-SY25
Walkthroughs w/ DPW & IAM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Conducted walkthroughs with both DPW and IAM and it has enabled critical work to get started or moved along.❖ Observed/Assessed: roof needs, rodent mitigation needs, new classroom spaces, production kitchen, equipment moves, etc.
311 tracking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ City began sending weekly building-based Excel reports on Monday 9/16❖ Principals also began tracking on their end
Monthly school-based check-ins	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ To go over longer-term items and to ensure things do not slip through the cracks

New Measures Cont.

Stakeholder engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Bi-weekly SC updates❖ Monthly joint meetings with IAM and DPW❖ <u>Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) workgroup</u> The CIP provides a 5-year roadmap for the City's expenditures on major investments (\$50K+ non recurring) to critical infrastructure such as buildings, streetscapes, parks, property, and equipment.❖ Bi-weekly meetings with SEU president on facilities
Looking ahead:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Met with an expert consultant and will explore a scope of work❖ Develop facilities guidance documents❖ Work with Comms team on how to provide transparent updates for broader community

Weekly 311 report

Open:

- ❖ Minor plumbing needs (leaky faucets, toilets out of service)
- ❖ Clocks not working
- ❖ New keys or locks needed for non exterior doors

In progress:

- ❖ Minor plumbing
- ❖ Card reader activation

Closed:

- ❖ White board installation
- ❖ Temperature needs
- ❖ Plumbing needs

47 total

**4 in progress
17 closed
30 open**

Strengths & Opportunities for Growth

Strengths

- ❖ Many things get fixed fairly quickly
 - In particular, items related to safety and access
- ❖ Principals overwhelmingly have positive relationships with their building custodians
- ❖ The City put in a tremendous amount of work over the summer to get our buildings ready

Opportunities for Growth

- ❖ While the city is making efforts, more is needed to address rodent infiltration
- ❖ While principals have positive relationships with their building custodians, we can improve clarity with the city on the scope of their roles
- ❖ We will continue to explore ways to streamline communication with the city and with key stakeholders