

Over the summer, the Facilities Department completed a wide range of upgrades across the District, all of which directly support the goals outlined in the [2023–2028 Strategic Plan](#). Guided by the Strategic Priority of *Organizational Development*, their work focused on creating safe, healthy, and functional learning environments for students and staff. Projects such as classroom flooring replacements, HVAC system improvements, irrigation upgrades, and infrastructure enhancements reflect our commitment to environmental stewardship, inclusive learning spaces, and long-term sustainability. These efforts not only improve physical comfort and safety but also align with the District's mission to empower students to thrive in their learning, relationships, and community.



This report provides a snapshot of the projects completed over the summer, highlighting the work completed to support safe, inclusive, and sustainable learning environments across the District.

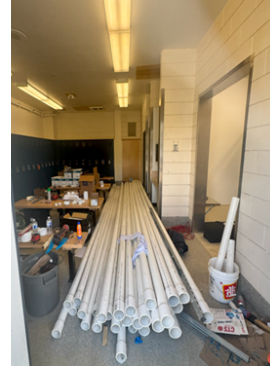
Kindergarten Flooring

Carpeted kindergarten classrooms at Bastion, Carlin, Falkland, Sorrento, South Broadview, and South Canoe were upgraded with cushioned vinyl sheet flooring. This material is warm, durable, and easy to clean.



A.L. Fortune Irrigation System Replacement

A persistent water leak resulted in the full replacement of the irrigation system at A.L. Fortune Secondary. SD83 staff, led by the Grounds Department, completed the project after multiple repair attempts proved unsuccessful.



Carlin Elementary Middle School HVAC Upgrade

Phase 2 of the HVAC upgrade at Carlin Elementary Middle School was completed using a combination of SD83 staff and selected contractors. This project included replacement of the HVAC system, lighting, millwork, flooring, and interior paint, addressing aging infrastructure and improving energy efficiency and comfort.



District-Wide Fire Safety Testing

Fire alarm panels and fire suppression systems were tested in every building to ensure compliance with safety standards and readiness for the school year.

Eagle River Secondary Crawlspace Drainage Upgrade

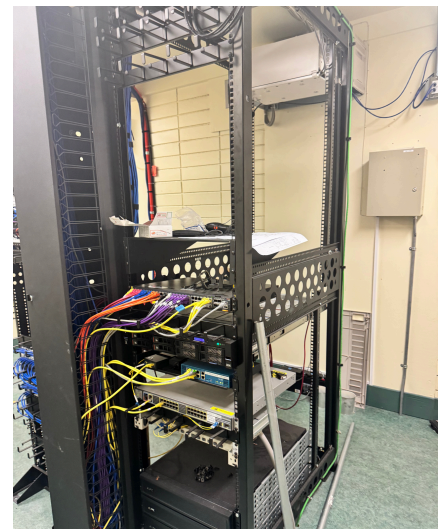
Roof drain lines running beneath Eagle River Secondary were replaced and redirected to a newly serviceable rock pit at the front of the building. This project required collaboration between the plumbing and carpentry departments, including the safe abatement of hazardous materials in a challenging, confined space.

Fire Alarm and PA System Updates



Outdated fire alarm panels were replaced at South Canoe, M.V. Beattie, and Pleasant Valley Secondary to ensure compliance with current safety standards and improve system reliability.

The PA system at Shuswap Middle School was replaced following a system failure. This work was completed by SD83 staff and verified by a third-party vendor to ensure proper installation and functionality.



J.L. Jackson Gymnasium Upgrade

SD83 staff completed a renovation of the J.L. Jackson Secondary gymnasium, beginning with the removal of the old bleachers and lead paint abatement. The project included wall reconstruction with insulation and sound dampening, electrical reconfiguration, durable laminate wall finishes, new lighting, fresh paint, updated floor lines and logo, new bleachers, and a divider curtain, transforming the space into a modern, safe, and functional athletic facility.



J.L. Jackson Gymnasium Upgrade continued



Pleasant Valley Secondary Upgrades

Final work related to the Pleasant Valley Secondary gym replacement was completed by contractors under the oversight of SD83 staff. This included repaving the parking lots, performing structural repairs, repainting the building exterior, and replacing interior flooring.

A major HVAC upgrade was completed, involving the replacement of 17 rooftop units that were over 30 years old with new high-efficiency equipment. SD83 staff carried out the installation, which included new electrical supply, ducting connections, and control systems. Interior lighting in common areas and teaching spaces was also upgraded to energy-efficient LED fixtures, improving both visibility and sustainability.



Silver Creek Elementary Well Rehabilitation

The well system at Silver Creek Elementary School was rehabilitated to restore water flow to near-original levels from 35 years ago. A new pump and control system were installed to address recurring failures and ensure consistent water supply.

Sorrento Elementary Playground Improvements

Playground upgrades at Sorrento Elementary School included a new play court, swing set, safety borders, and fall protection under all equipment. A new pathway was added to improve access to the field, which was also leveled for safe play. The project was a collaborative effort between SD83 staff and contractors, resulting in a safer, more inclusive, and engaging outdoor space for students.



South Canoe Elementary Accessibility Improvements

To enhance accessibility and support inclusive access for all students, staff, and visitors, new ramps were installed at both the front and back entrances of South Canoe Elementary School. A new pathway was constructed to improve access to the kindergarten entrance.



Sump Pump Installations

New sump-pump stations and drainage wells were installed to protect the lower levels of Armstrong Elementary School and Len Wood Middle School from water intrusion. Enhanced safety systems were included to ensure long-term reliability and protection.

These projects reflect the District's ongoing commitment to maintaining high-quality learning environments and ensuring that facilities continue to support student success and well-being. Through strategic planning, collaboration, and stewardship, the District continues to invest in infrastructure that aligns with our values of belonging, respect, reconciliation, empathy, and perseverance.



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