

Operations

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Date: July 17, 2024
Re: Summer 2024 Facilities Work

This memo provides an update on work underway during Summer 2024 related to facilities improvements, organized in the following sections:

- **Ongoing projects & details:** This section details projects that are underway this summer. These projects range from murals and playground improvements to key infrastructure updates and repairs, accessibility upgrades, and air conditioning. The phase of construction and estimated completion is included for each of the over 120 projects included.
- **MSBA Accelerated Repair Project (ARP):** Earlier this spring, the School Committee approved the submission of eight Statements of Interest to the MSBA Accelerated Repair Project. These projects have been approved and are moving forward.
- **Pools:** 13 BPS schools have pools, and 6 are currently open. This section provides more information on the status of pools that are closed.
- **Status of 11 Major Capital Projects:** This table provides the status of the 11 major capital projects underway.
- **Ruth Batson Academy (formerly BCLA/McCormack), Melvin H. King South End Academies and Blackstone Update:** This section provides a more detailed update on plans for specific schools.
- **Schools without AC and plans for them:** Over the past three years, we have increased the percentage of schools with air conditioning from 32% to 92%. 10 schools remain without air conditioning. This section provides additional information on the plan for the schools that do not yet have air conditioning installed.



Ongoing Projects & Details

City of Boston - Mayor's Office of Arts & Culture Programs

"A Canvas of Culture" Mural Initiative

Planning Phase - July/August Installation

- Bates Elementary School
- Guild Elementary School
- Hernandez K-8 School
- Kilmer K-8 School (Lower K-3)
- Lee Academy
- Umana Academy (Mario)

City of Boston - Public Facilities Department Capital Projects

Boiler Replacement Projects

Construction Phase - Fall 2024 Completion

- Henderson K-12 Inclusion School Upper (MSBA ARP)
- Russell Elementary School (MSBA ARP)

Envelope Improvement Projects

Construction Phase - Spring 2025 Completion

- Josiah Quincy Elementary

Roof Replacement Projects

Construction Phase - Fall 2024 Completion

- Community Academy of Science and Health
- Henderson K-12 Inclusion School Upper (MSBA ARP)
- Winthrop Elementary School

Renew Boston Trust Program HVAC Improvement Projects

Construction Phase - Fall Completion (what year?)

- Condon K-8 School
- Murphy K-8 School
- Ohrenberger School (3-8)

Renew Boston Trust Program Solar Installation Projects

Construction Phase - Fall 2024 Completion

- Haley Pilot School
- Lee K-8 School
- Mattahunt Elementary School
- Umana Academy (Mario)

Renew Boston Trust Program Geothermal Test Well Drilling

Construction Phase - Summer 2024 Completion

- John F Kennedy Elementary School

Schoolyard Renovation Projects

Construction Phase - Fall 2024 Completion

- Henderson K-12 Inclusion School Upper

Windows & Doors Replacement Projects

Construction Phase - Fall 2024 Completion

- Boston Day-Evening Academy (MSBA ARP)
- Hernandez K-8 School (MSBA ARP)

City of Boston - Boston Public School Facilities Department Projects

Grade Reconfiguration

- Ruth Batson Academy (formerly BCLA/McCormack) - Construction Phase (Summer 2024 Completion)
- Margarita Muniz Academy - Construction Phase (Summer 2024 Completion)

Security Entryway

- TechBoston Academy (6-12) - Construction Phase (Summer 2024 Completion)

Culinary Art Renovation

- Albert D Holland School of Technology (formerly Burke High School) - Construction Phase (Summer 2024 Completion)

Toilet Room Renovation

- Manning Elementary School - Construction Phase (Summer 2024 Completion)

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- Dudley Street Neighborhood School - Construction Phase (Summer 2024 Completion)
- O'Donnell Elementary School - Construction Phase (Summer 2024 Completion)

Gym Project

- Madison Park Technical Vocational High School Gym Lighting - Construction Phase (Summer 2024 Completion)
- Margarita Muniz Gym floor replacement- Construction Phase (Summer 2024 Completion)
- Various Schools (11 locations)- Sound and Media System installations- (Summer 2025 Completion)
- Boston Latin School Gym Bleacher - Construction Phase (Summer 2024 Completion)
- Brighton High School- Weight Room renovation (Summer 2024 Completion)
- English High School- Weight Room renovation (Summer 2024 Completion)

Auditorium Project

- Edison K-8 School Auditorium Seating and Flooring Replacement - Design Phase (Summer 2025 Completion)
- Various Schools (3 locations)- Sound and Media System installations- Construction Phase (Summer 2025 Completion)

Library Project

- Hernandez K-8 School Library Renovation - Construction Phase (Summer 2024 Completion)

Exterior Masonry Building Envelope

- Ellis Elementary School Exterior Wall and Stairs - Construction Phase (Summer 2024 Completion)
- Mildred Avenue K-8 School Exterior Wall - Construction Phase (Summer 2024 Completion)
- Eliot K-8 Innovation School Retaining Wall - Construction Phase (Summer 2024 Completion)
- Lee Academy - Exterior Wall - Construction Phase (Summer 2024 Completion)

Retaining Wall and Fencing Replacement

- Conley Elementary School - Construction Phase (Summer 2024 Completion)

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Exterior Stairs Replacement

- New Mission High School - Construction Phase (Summer 2024 Completion)

Accessibility Ramps Replacement

- English High School - Construction Phase (Summer 2024 Completion)
- Beethoven Elementary School - Construction Phase (Summer 2024 Completion)

HVAC Replacement

- Currently we are in the design phase for the 3 schools listed below. We are hoping to get the bids back by the end of the Fall 2024 or beginning of Winter 2024 to continue to push this work forward with a goal of completion as soon as possible. Rough completion dates are listed below. A more accurate timeline will be presented once projects bids are returned. We are hopeful for construction to begin in 2025.
 - Bates Elementary School - Design Phase (2025/26 Completion)
 - Lee Academy - Design Phase (2025/26 Completion)
 - Kenny Elementary School - Design Phase (2025/26 Completion)
- Remaining 7 schools
 - Short term - We will add in portable/window units where electrical load allows.
- Long term- We will be seeking out additional funding to continue the design of suitable systems to add in thermal comfort and ventilation at the remaining schools.

Chiller Replacement

- UP Academy Dorchester - Bidding Phase (Summer 2025 Completion)
- Murphy K-8 School - Bidding Phase (Summer 2025 Completion)

Air Handling Unit Replacement

- Mildred Avenue K-8 School - Bidding Phase (Summer 2025 Completion)

Cooling Tower Replacement

- Lee K-8 School - Bidding Phase (Summer 2025 Completion)
- English High School - Bidding Phase (Summer 2025 Completion)
- Curley K-8 School (Upper) - Bidding Phase (Summer 2025 Completion)

Boiler Replacement

- UP Academy Boston - Construction Phase (Summer 2024 Completion)
- Excel High School - Construction Phase (Fall 2024 Completion)

Flooring Replacement

- East Boston High School - Construction Phase (Summer 2024 Completion)
- Up Academy Holland - Construction Phase (Summer 2024 Completion)
- Hennigan K-8 School - Construction Phase (Summer 2024 Completion)
- Excel High School - Construction Phase (Summer 2024 Completion)
- Condon K-8 School - Construction Phase (Summer 2024 Completion)
- Holmes Elementary School - Construction Phase (Summer 2024 Completion)
- James Curley K-8 School - Bidding Phase (Winter 2025 Completion)

Playground Improvements (Including Community Preservation Act “CPA” Projects)

- Warren Prescott K-8 School- Construction Phase (Summer 24 Completion)
- Winship Elementary School - Construction Phase (Fall 2024 Completion)
- Umana Academy (Mario) - Construction Phase (Fall 2024 Completion)
- O'Donnell Elementary School - Construction Phase (Fall 2024 Completion)
- James Curley K-8 School - Pre-Construction Phase (Spring 2025 Completion)
- Hale Elementary School - Pre-Construction Phase (Spring 2025 Completion)
- Trotter K-6 School - Pre-Construction Phase (Spring 2025 Completion)
- Taylor Elementary School - awaiting CPA approval
- Hurley K-8 School - awaiting CPA approval
- Orchard Gardens K-8 School - awaiting CPA approval

Schoolyard Playsurface Replacement

- Phase 1 (Kilmer K-8 Upper School, Dudley Street Neighborhood School, Hennigan K-8 School, UP Academy Dorchester, Blackstone Elementary School, Mendell Elementary School, John F Kennedy Elementary School, Murphy K-8 School, McKay K-8 School, Mattahunt Elementary School, Manning Elementary School) - Design Phase (2025 Completion)
- Phase 2 (King K-8 School, Greenwood Sarah K-8 School, Young Achievers K-8 School, Shaw Elementary School, Everett Elementary School, Lyon High School, Alighieri Dante Montessori School, Adams Elementary School, Edison K-8 School, Guild Elementary School, Conley Elementary School, Mather Elementary School, Roosevelt K-8 School (K1-1) - Design Phase (2026 Completion)

Fire Alarm/PA System Installation

- Barron Center / Succeed Boston - Construction Phase (Summer 2025 Completion)
- Tobin K-8 School - Construction Phase (Fall 2025 Completion)
- Hamilton (Bais Yaakov) - Construction Phase (Winter 2025 Completion)
- Curley K-8 School (Lower) - Design Phase (2025 Completion)
- Hurley K-8 School - Design Phase (2025 Completion)

Fire Pump Replacement

- Madison Park Technical Vocational High School - Construction Phase (Fall 2024 Completion)

Roof Replacement

- Gardner Pilot Academy - Design Phase (Summer 2025 Completion)

Radiator Covers Installation

- Mendell Elementary School - Design Phase (Summer 2025 Completion)
- O'Donnell Elementary School - Design Phase (Summer 2025 Completion)
- Bradley Elementary School - Design Phase (Summer 2025 Completion)
- Curley K-8 School - Design Phase (Summer 2025 Completion)
- Alighieri Dante Montessori School - Design Phase (Summer 2025 Completion)
- Edison K-8 School - Design Phase (Summer 2025 Completion)
- Patrick J. Kennedy Elementary School - Design Phase (Summer 2025 Completion)
- Adams Elementary School - Design Phase (Summer 2025 Completion)
- Kenny Elementary School - Design Phase (Summer 2025 Completion)
- Guild Elementary School - Design Phase (Summer 2025 Completion)

Prep and Site work for early childhood education spaces

- Community Academy of Science and Health - Construction Phase (Summer 2024 Completion)
- Henderson K-12 Inclusion School (Lower) - Construction Phase (Summer 2024 Completion)
- Kilmer K-8 School (K-3) - Construction Phase (Summer 2024 Completion)

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MSBA Accelerated Repair Projects (ARP) Submitted

Schools	Scope	City
Kenny Elementary School	Roof	Dorchester
O'Donnell Elementary School	Roof	East Boston
Adams Elementary School	Window/Doors	East Boston
Chittick Elementary School	Window/Doors	Hyde Park
Everett Elementary School	Window/Doors	Dorchester
Gardner Pilot Academy	Window/Doors	Allston
Lyndon K-8 School	Window/Doors	West Roxbury
Murphy K-8 School	Window/Doors	Dorchester

Pools

Open:

- Charlestown High School - Summer 2024: Open
 - This pool is currently open and operable
- Lee K-8 School - Summer 2024: Open
 - This pool is currently open and operable
- Mattahunt Elementary School - Summer 2024: Open
 - This pool is currently open and operable.
- Mildred Avenue K-8 School -Summer 2024: Open
 - This pool is currently open and operable
- Umana Academy (Mario) -Summer 2024: Open
 - This pool is currently open and operable
- UP Academy Marshall- Summer 2024: Open
 - This pool is currently open and operable

Closed

- Blackstone - Summer 2024: Closed
 - In need of a capital project for repair and will be closed until such project is completed.
- Condon K-8 School - Summer 2024: Closed

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- There is a construction project with the Public Facilities Department in this building. The pool will not be available for programming during the summer.
- Hennigan K-8 School / West Zone Early Learning Center - Summer 2024: Closed
 - Work was completed in time for summer reopening, but due to issues with filtration systems the pool is currently not able to be used until further notice.
- Madison Park Technical Vocational High School - Summer 2024: Closed
 - Work was completed in time for summer reopening, but due to issues with filtration systems the pool is currently not able to be used until work is completed.
- Murphy K-8 School -- Summer 2024: Closed
 - There is a construction project with the Public Facilities Department in this building. The pool will not be available for programming during the summer.
- Quincy Elementary School - Summer 2024: Closed
 - There is a construction project with the Public Facilities Department in this building. The pool will not be available for programming during the summer.
- UP Academy Holland - Summer 2024: Closed
 - This pool is in need of a capital repair and will remain closed until such capital repair is made.

Status of 11 Major Capital Projects

Building Name	Neighborhood	Status	Anticipated Completion Date
Carter School	Roxbury	Under Construction	Winter 2025
Kennedy Academy for Health Careers (9-10)	TBD	Analyzing site options	Expansion begins by SY25-26
Horace Mann School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (Edwards Building)	Charlestown	Under Construction	Summer 2024 (move in by SY24-25)
Josiah Quincy Upper School (New Build)	Chinatown	Under Construction	Summer 2024 (move in by SY24-25)
Philbrick-Sumner (Irving Building)	Roslindale	Under Construction	Summer 2025 (move in by



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Kennedy Patrick J Elementary School	East Boston	Under Construction	Fall 2025
Madison Park Technical Vocational High School	Roxbury	Procuring a designer for late spring 2024	TBD
Mel H. King South End Academies	South End	Programming study underway	TBD
Ruth Batson Academy	Dorchester	Application submitted to MSBA core program (spring 2024)	TBD
Shaw-Taylor	S. Dorchester/ Mattapan	Planning Phase	Estimated 2029
White Stadium	Dorchester/Jamaica Plain/Mattapan/ Roxbury	In design	TBD

Blackstone, Mel H. King South End Academies, and Ruth Batson Academy (formerly BCLA/McCormack) Update

- *Blackstone Elementary School:* The Fiscal Year 2025-2029 Capital Plan includes a commitment to a design study that will lead to recommendations for a renovated or new Blackstone School building. A [letter](#) was sent to the school community in May relaying this information.
- *Mel H. King South End Academy:* The Superintendent’s Office, Capital Planning, the Schools Division, and the Office of Specialized Services are collaborating with the Mayor’s Office to identify the next steps for the capital project in alignment with the district’s Inclusive Education plan. The Schools division will provide an update to the programming study produced in partnership with the school community and stakeholders in 2024 before its release. The team plans to provide an update to the community before the end of 2024.
- *Ruth Batson Academy:* The BPS Facilities team has finalized the scope below to be completed this summer which will bring the Ruth Batson Academy School



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Community together in Dorchester. Ruth Batson Academy will utilize several rooms at the Dever Elementary next year.

- Deactivation of Dever Elementary School PA system and activation of Batson PA system in all rooms being used by Batson
- Addition of door alarms and/or key card access at multiple doorways
- Moving and/or removal of furniture from spaces in Dever Elementary School
- New furniture and whiteboards for Batson classroom spaces
- Removal of walls in 2 spaces

Schools without AC and plans for them

Over the past three years, significant strides have been made in improving thermal comfort within our schools. Starting from 32% of schools with air conditioning, we have now reached an impressive 92%. This achievement required immense effort, including the installation of air conditioning systems in 80 schools spread across our 125 buildings. To date, we have successfully addressed the air conditioning needs in the majority of our schools.

Nevertheless, 10 schools still require attention: Bates Elementary School, Otis Elementary School, Mather Elementary School, Kenny Elementary School, Lee Academy, Taylor Elementary School, Mel H. King Middle School, Mel H. King Prep High School, Community Academy, and Mozart Elementary School. Recognizing the complexity of this endeavor, we have secured a state grant to support this critical work. Throughout the fall of 2023, detailed assessments were conducted to understand the specific requirements of each building. By late fall, we obtained the necessary work limits compliant with building codes. Subsequently, following the budget allocation from the grant office in spring, we commenced the design phase for the next three schools in line for upgrades: Bates Elementary School, Kenny Elementary School, and Lee Academy.

Currently, we are diligently progressing through the design phase with the aim of initiating the bidding process during the 2024-2025 school year. Once construction commences, we will provide updated timelines as the project evolves. Please see short term solutions above.