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The Northshore School District is pleased to share details of the important work completed during the summer months at schools districtwide, which was made possible thanks to Northshore voters.

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## **Bond-Funded Building and Safety Improvements Completed During Summer Months in Northshore School District**

Bothell, Wash. – Northshore’s Capital Projects Department, in partnership with the District’s Safety & Security and Technology departments, was hard at work this summer on much needed building and safety improvements upgrades. These projects were made possible by the generous support of Northshore voters.

Wellington Elementary bathroom floors and walls in the student bathrooms were replaced with new ceramic tiles, and new bathroom fixtures were installed as needed. The team also patched and painted the existing acoustic tile ceilings in the bathrooms. This renovation creates a safer and more comfortable environment for students. The kitchen floor was upgraded to epoxy flooring for ease of food preparation and kitchen sanitation.

Lockwood had a new PE storage room constructed during the summer, providing much needed additional space. Flooring was replaced in the PE office, cafeteria and the adjacent foyer. The summer project also included replacing the current gym air handling unit with a new, custom unit that includes hot water heating, along with the installation of new, small gas-fired boilers in the mechanical room to provide heat for the new air handling unit. While this work was scheduled for completion in September, supply chain constraints have delayed the arrival of the new boilers and the air handling unit. The team implemented its contingency plan which includes keeping the original boiler and air handler in place until the arrival of the new equipment. The older equipment is fully operational and safe. The replacement will improve the gym’s HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) system operation and efficiency, as well as reduce the annual utility consumption and

carbon output. At this time, the project team expects the boilers and air handlers to be installed during Winter Break.

The softball field at Bothell was renovated and the outfield grass was replaced with turf. The installation of the turf is scheduled for completion in early October. These improvements support the District's commitment to equity for high school athletic fields. Bothell High's field is the final softball field in the District to be upgraded.

Synthetic turf was installed at Maywood's west playfield, replacing the sand-based playfield. This new playing surface greatly improves the field drainage, meaning fewer clogged drains and puddles. Now that the project is complete, the school's playground is reopened.

Kokanee and Crystal Springs elementaries had network wiring upgrades, which increased the network speeds, expanded wireless coverage areas, and improved reliability for students and staff. The wiring at these schools was installed around 1992 and was far below current network standards. This modernization project prepares these schools for the next 30 years of network needs.

Safety & Security projects also continued during the summer months including camera installations and fencing. Camera installations were completed at Kokanee and Woodmoor elementaries, Northshore Middle School and the Bear Creek campus, which houses Northshore Networks and Northshore Family Partnership. Additionally, contracts were recently awarded for cameras at Kenmore, Maywood Hills and Woodin elementaries and installation began this fall at these three schools. A contract was also awarded over the summer for Kenmore Elementary's fencing project for fall installation. Additionally, Moorlands Elementary's fencing project was designed during the summer. These improvements will make Northshore campuses safer with better video coverage and by ensuring visitors are guided to check-in to the main office upon arrival. Planning work for access controls and additional camera installations also progressed throughout the summer.

Capital Projects will be finalizing project plans for summer of 2022 over the next few months. Continue to follow the progress by [visiting our construction page](#).

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