



FACILITIES NEWSLETTER

2026 ~ Spring Break accomplishments



TMS solar was commissioned and is operational

The solar installation was completed in fall 2025; however, final commissioning was required to test and activate the battery system. Last week, Truesouth successfully completed the commissioning process, and the system is now operating as

intended.

The system is expected to generate approximately \$20,000 in annual energy cost savings, while also providing battery backup for the gyms, cafeteria, and sports commons during emergencies. This project was fully funded through a grant.

Talent Elementary Solar project

Talent Elementary has begun the installation of a large solar array and battery backup system. The system is expected to generate approximately \$20,000 in annual energy cost savings and will provide backup power for lighting and network systems in the Round Building, Primary Building, and Annex. This project was funded by a grant that the District was awarded.



Sodexo received some new equipment

Sodexo received several new pieces of equipment over the break across multiple locations. This included new lunch trays with additional compartments, three panini grills, four ovens, and a commercial vacuum sealer. The new equipment was purchased in order to assist Sodexo in utilizing more locally sourced foods.



Integrated Pest Management Strategies

At Phoenix-Talent School District, we're always seeking creative solutions to everyday challenges. Our team of goats went back to work on Colver fields clearing blackberry bushes and alleviating fire hazards the natural way. The program has been a huge success!



Planned Summer Projects

Phoenix-Talent School District has several major facility upgrades planned this coming summer, along with a variety of smaller improvement projects.

TMS (Talent Middle School)

- Re-polish floor in the cafeteria to address some concerns over problem areas.
- Replace the flooring in the office area

TES (Talent Elementary School)

- Several landscape projects throughout the Facility

OHES (Orchard Hill Elementary School)

- Relocate school garden to improve ADA accessibility

PHS (Phoenix High School)

- Sensory garden
- Paint weight room

PES (Phoenix Elementary School)

- New carpet and paint in La Clinica

School Farm

- Construct or improve pig barn

Colver sports park

- Go to bid for new turf soccer fields

Bear Creek Greenway Property

- Ongoing site clearing and maintenance



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