The district and members of the capital improvement team will begin working with kitchen consultants alongside Campus High School (CHS) and Freeman staff to begin planning for the new Career and Technical Education (CTE) facility and kitchen updates. The campus consultant will collaborate directly with campus staff to design the kitchen layout for the new CTE space. As you may recall, CHS staff visited the CTE facility in Maize this summer and were impressed with their kitchen setup. The company selected for this project also designed the Maize facility. In addition, a second company will work with Gina Lee and the staff at Freeman Elementary School to update their existing kitchen.

Several engineering firms will also begin evaluating the area where the Freeman walkway is currently located to ensure all challenges associated with converting the covered walkway into an enclosed walkway are fully addressed. Many may not be aware that there is an underground tunnel that runs from the maintenance building to Freeman and the district office, and this tunnel is located directly beneath the existing covered walkway.

At Campus High School, solar panels are currently being installed on the roof of the natatorium, and the project is expected to be completed within the next four to five weeks. The Campus roof will also be inspected to ensure that the new HVAC rooftop units meet all required roof specifications.

~ Jeff Hersh, Superintendent

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