



Buildings and Grounds Board of Education Report September 2026



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Butler Playground

Mr. Dan Hardiman and Mr. Kyle Janssen worked to sandblast the damaged steps and recoat with slip resistant coating. Then reinstalled. Thanks to Steve Lopez as well.

October 2nd, Department
Institute Day
Training-Playground
Inspections and Common
Safety Practices
11:30 @ Butler



Water Fountain Installations



Mr. Steve Lopez worked this month to install new water fountains at Homer Jr. High and Hadley. He also worked at Butler next to complete our allotment for this fiscal year.

We applied for a grant with Illinois American Water this month for additional fountains. We anticipate to hear back soon.

Variable Frequency Drive Pilot-WJB/ HMS

A variable frequency drive (VFD) will reduce energy use and mechanical wear over time.

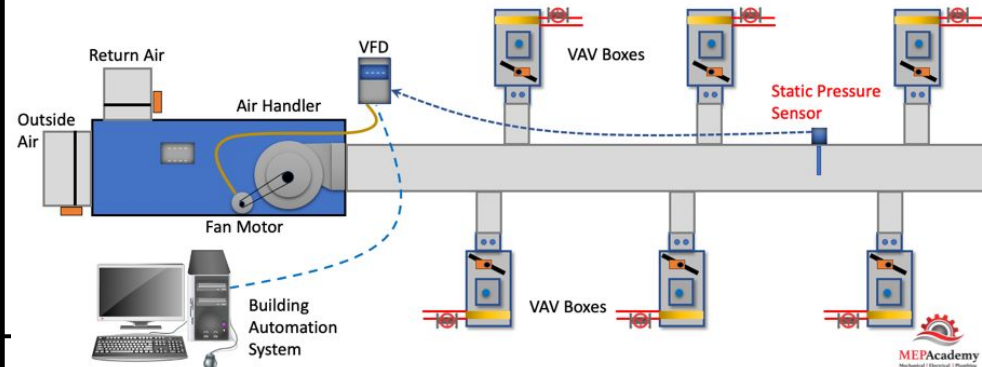
Air Handler 3 will be our test unit.

Currently Butler's air handlers run at 100% fan speed for nearly 12 hours a day on average.

We have the ability to save some energy while still maintaining optimized comfort

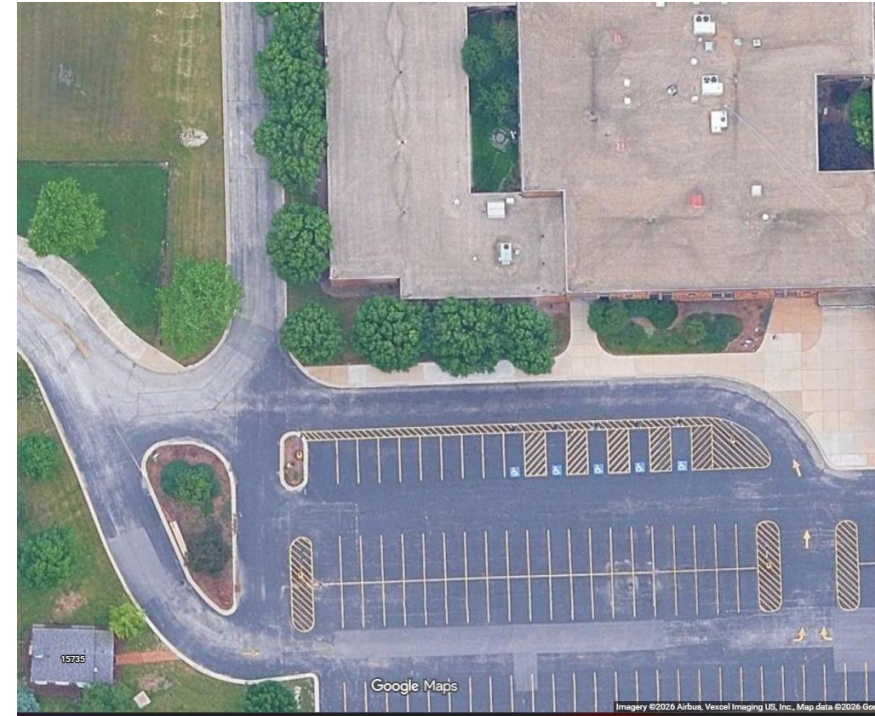
Through ComEd incentive the \$6,000.00 cost to provide new motor, supplies, and install was reduced to \$3,500.00. The reduction in energy will pay this back within (2.75) years, while also saving energy.

Should this go well, we will move to other units within Butler and Hadley overtime.

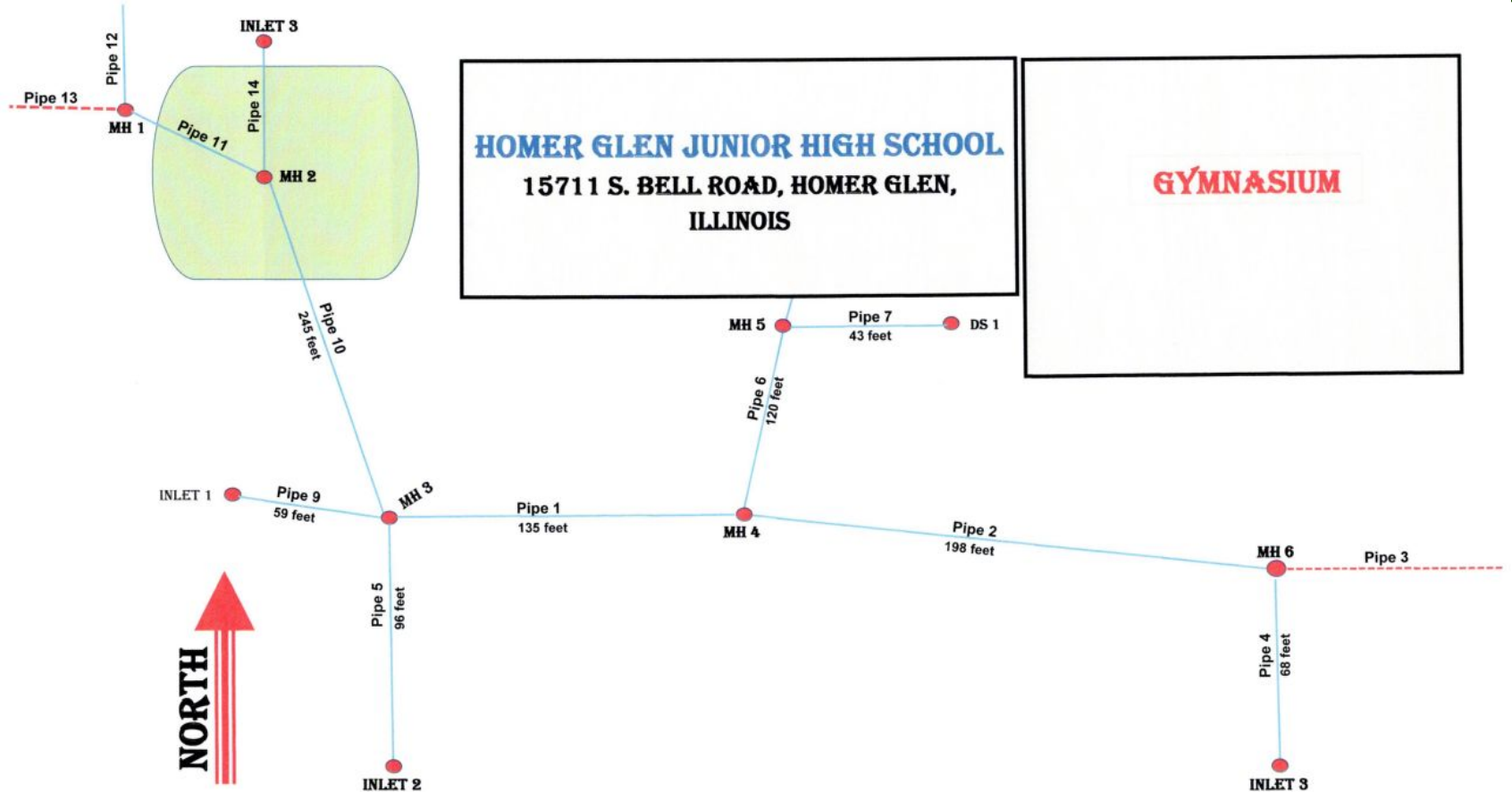


Landscaping Repairs/ Improvements

- Install native plants and clean up around new Bell Road marquee
- Install new native plants and clean up near Ross School house and areas along Bell
- Re-grade areas in front of Homer Jr. High front office and expand mulch apron, install rock drip edge along foundation
- Plant new spruce tree at Hadley
- Replant new grass from fallen trees where required
- 6 new trees (long lasting and sturdy)-along Homer Jr. High's west end
 - (2) maple, (4) crab apple
- (1) Maple tree for William E. Young's playground
- Work to begin October 9th-10th
- Investigating student participation with clubs and buildings



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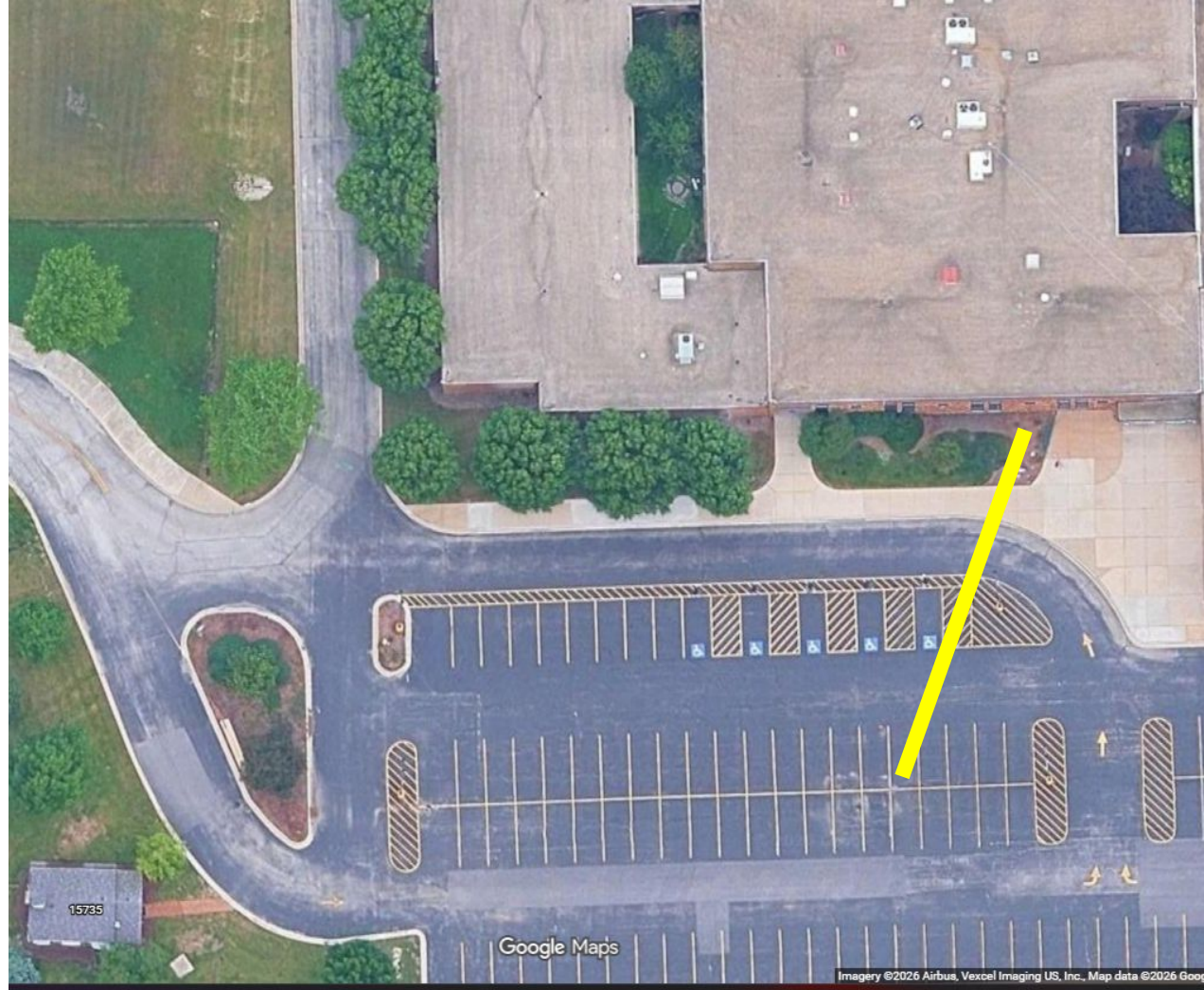
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MH5→MH4 (Pipe 6)



Recommendations for Approval

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Policy 4:60 Purchasing Approvals:

- Storm Line Replacement (Homer Jr. High School)- \$43,840.00
- Road Salt Contract for Winter 2026-2027 (District Wide)-\$23,145.00

Personnel Recommendations:

- Resignation- Mr. Juan Rodriguez (Evening Custodian)-Homer Jr. High
- Kyle Janssen (Full Time Maintenance/ Grounds Substitute)-District Wide
- Andrew Meadows (Evening Custodian)-Homer Jr. High School

Now Hiring: Custodial Part Time Substitutes (District Wide)

.5 Utility Mechanic/ .5 Maintenance (District Wide)

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