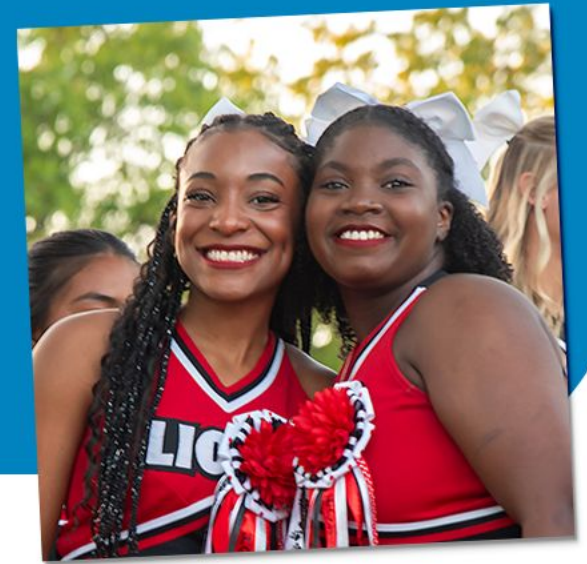




Fall Facilities Report

Fall 2026 Update

Importance of School Buildings & Infrastructure

The Questions We Ask About Schools

- We ask about student:teacher ratios. We ask about test scores. We ask about the curriculum. We ask about start and end times, drop-off and pick-up routines, and bus schedules. We ask about lunch, art and music programs, and the principal.
- We visit a classroom to meet the teacher.
- But has anyone, ever, asked about the school building?

Building Foundations for Student Success

- + The evidence is unambiguous - the school building impacts **student health, thinking and performance.**
- + **Investing in school buildings is an investment in our collective future.**

Schools for Health: Foundations for Student Success

Importance of School Buildings & Infrastructure

- Facilities are critical in support of student learning, civic life, and long-term economic growth of a community and the nation.
- Well-maintained, updated facilities, and healthy indoor environments yield better student performance and health, higher teacher retention, and reduced absenteeism.
- Over half of U.S. district leaders report facility budgets are insufficient.
- Recent report is a powerful reminder that students cannot learn effectively in buildings that are unsafe, unhealthy, or unable to support modern instruction.

GAO September 2026 Report on School Infrastructure
Report Details School Facilities Needs

Importance of School Buildings & Infrastructure

School building infrastructure directly impacts student health, attendance, and cognitive performance.

Schools for Health: Foundations for Student Success

Importance of School Buildings & Infrastructure

School facility investments are investments in students themselves, creating the safe, healthy, and effective learning environments they need to thrive.

*-Schools for Health Report
Harvard T.H.Chan School of Public Health*

Importance of School Buildings & Infrastructure

- Much gratitude to the Lawrence community who have supported USD 497 schools with capital outlay funds through local property tax levies, legally restricted and dedicated entirely to physical assets and infrastructure.
- Reminder: Capital outlay funds cannot legally shift to any other purpose, they are expressly directed to long-term physical assets and improvements to school infrastructure and buildings.
- Fall Facilities Report 2026 - illustrate an update on current work as dedicated stewards with responsibilities for the care and maintenance of 2.1M square feet across 23 district properties.

Summer 2026 Capital Outlay Projects

Centennial Renovation

\$ 3,367,679

2 PreK Classroom Renovations

\$ 37,680

Woodlawn Solar System Installation

\$ 85,947

Middle School Fine Arts Upgrades

\$ 525,789



Summer 2026 Capital Outlay Projects

High School Track Renovations

\$ 1,711,540

3 Stadium Light Upgrades

\$ 590,000

FSHS Press Box Renovation

\$ 462,324



Annual Capital Outlay Projects 2026

Asphalt and Concrete

\$ 340,919

Roofing Replacements

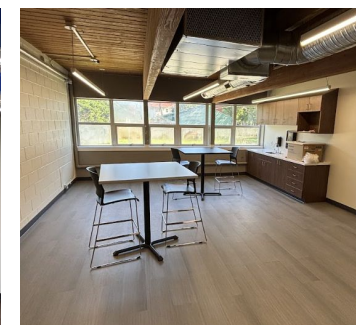
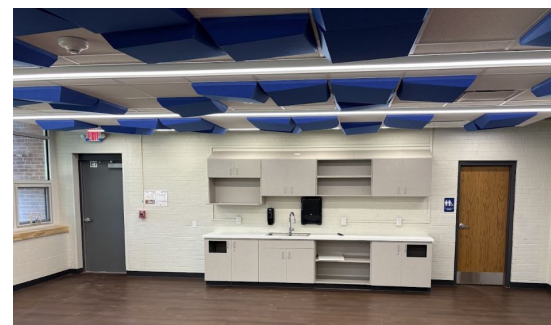
\$ 683,936

HVAC Replacements

\$ 705,076



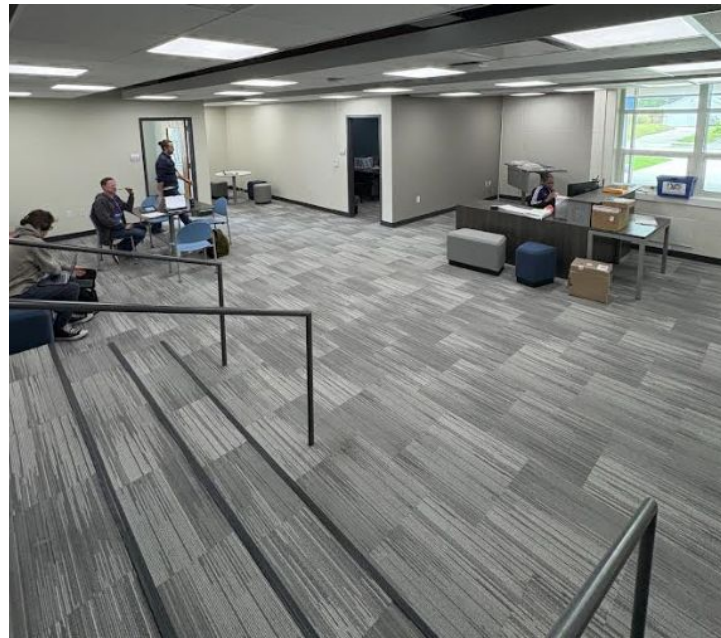
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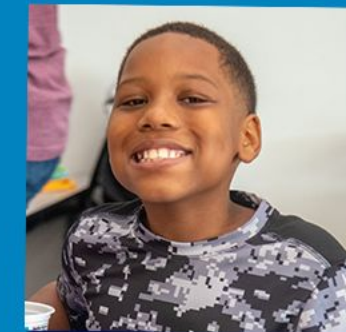
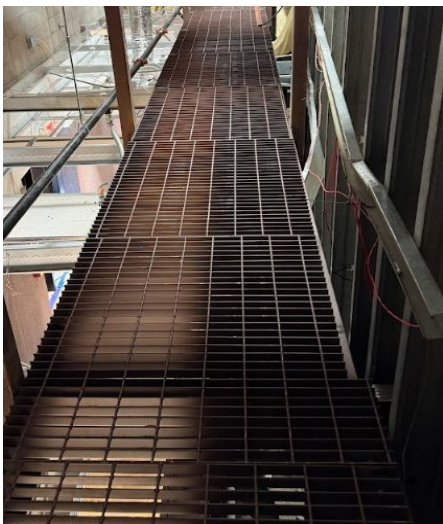
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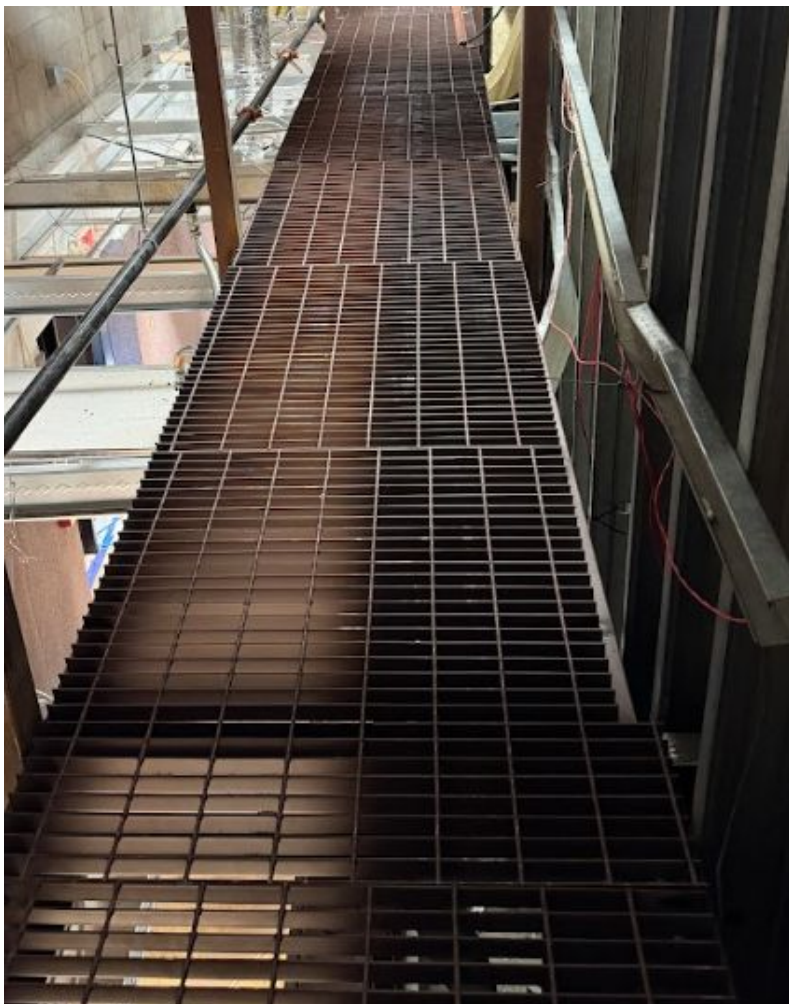
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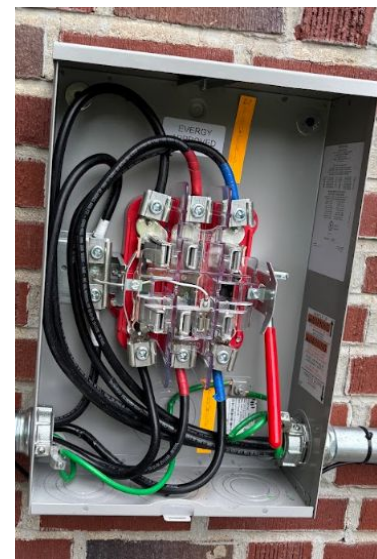
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Woodlawn Solar Installation



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September Energy Production

3.04

MWh



Woodlawn Solar producing energy equivalent to power approximately 100 homes for a single day.

Estimated annual energy production equivalent to power 1200 homes for a single day.



4k

Pounds of CO₂
Emission Saved



36

Equivalent Tree
Planting



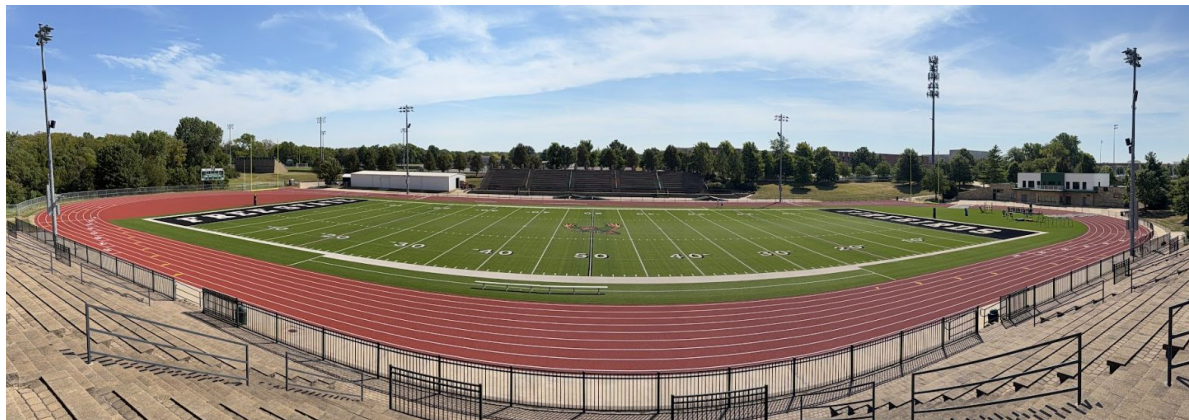
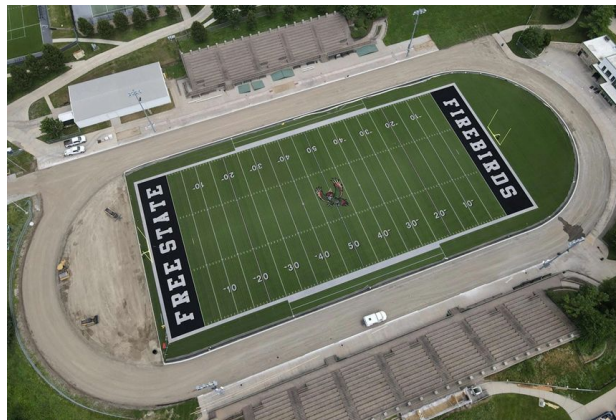
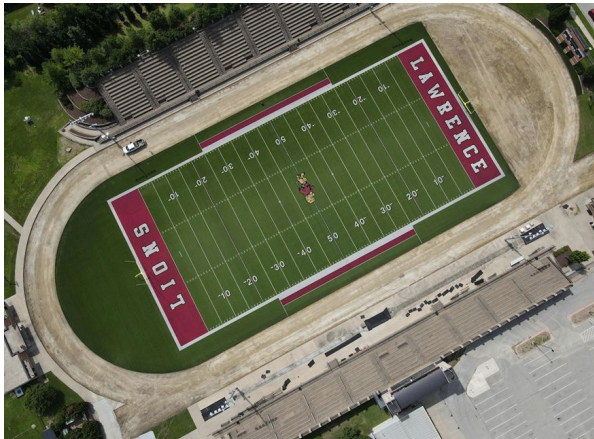
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Miles Driven on
Sunshine



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Free State and Lawrence High Schools



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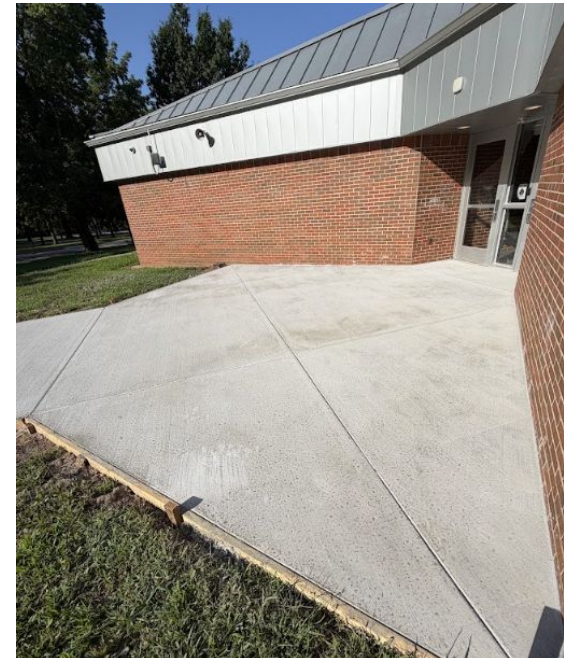
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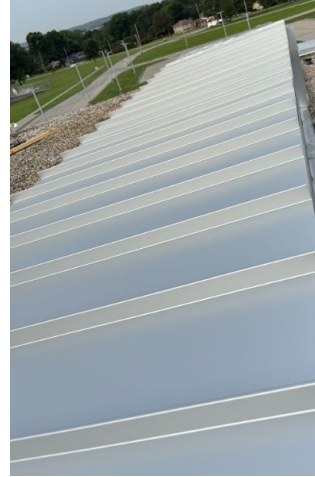
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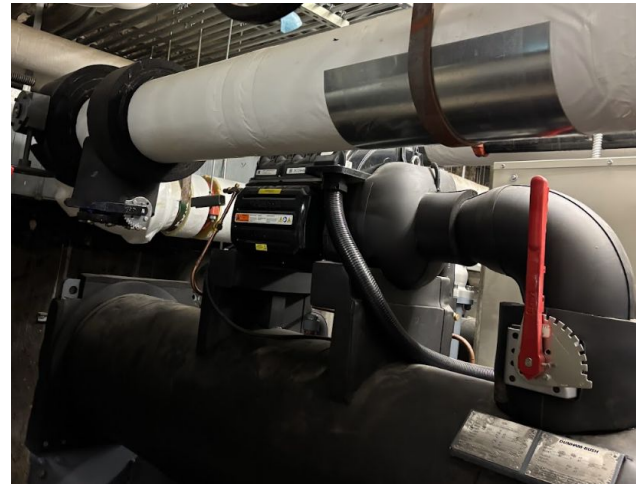
Annual 2026 Capital Outlay Projects - Asphalt and Concrete



Annual 2026 Capital Outlay Projects - Roofs



Annual 2026 Capital Outlay Projects - HVAC



Summer 2026 Capital Outlay Snapshot

Total **10** Large Projects

Represents **\$ 8.5 million** in Capital Investments



District Facilities

23 District Facilities - 2.1M square feet

11 Elementary Schools

4 Middle Schools

2 High Schools

Choice Campus at Centennial

Community Connections at Pinckney

Kennedy Early Childhood Center

Lawrence College and Career Academy

Educational Support Center

Facilities and Operations

Average Age of Structures - 40.2 years

Located on 318+ acres



Current Reality

- Identified infrastructure needs for upkeep of physical properties extends beyond current annual level of funding.
- *What level of Capital Outlay investment is required to restore USD 497 facilities to an optimal level of efficiency?*



2025 Study of Maintenance Infrastructure and Building Needs

Instructional Space	\$ 3.3M	Classroom Furniture	\$ 10.4M
Athletic Space	\$ 25.8M	HVAC Infrastructure	\$ 12.6M
Asphalt & Concrete	\$ 6.2M	Support Facilities	\$ 5.2M
Roofing	\$ 3.0M		
Playgrounds	\$ 900,000		
Performing and Visual Art	\$ 6.5M		

Total **\$ 73.9 million**

Estimates are based on district-wide studies verified by outside professionals.

Referenced Studies - Performing Arts, Athletic Facilities & Master Facilities Study
(Master Facility Study incorporates data from Roofing Study, HVAC Study, Asphalt & Concrete Study and Building Exterior Study)

