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Dear Glenham Families,

Below are a few more updates regarding building work and equipment maintenance, in response to follow-up questions from parents.

Musical Instruments
Our music director cleaned and inspected all instruments and instrument cases at Glenham before they went home. Please contact Principal Orser at orser.c@beaconk12.org if you have any issues.

Air Quality Testing
The inspector informed us that his air quality testing machine was not working correctly. Rather than delay the entire process, we asked that he perform the visual testing and return to Glenham as soon as his machine was working properly. The results of the visual inspection are on the Glenham website. We hope to complete this next phase as soon as possible.

New Glenham Boiler System
As part of our capital improvement projects, the district replaced the boilers and circulator pumps at Glenham Elementary. This work required draining the heating system pipes and then recharging the pipes with water when starting the new system. Throughout the entire heating pipe system, there are devices that allow air to escape as water fills the system. It can take several weeks to work all of the air out, and it's not uncommon to find one of these devices leaking during this process. When a leak is discovered, the device is either adjusted or, in some cases, replaced. On Monday afternoon, October 26, custodial staff found an air vent leaking, and maintenance repaired it early Tuesday morning before students and staff arrived for the day.

Capital Project Timing
We are in the middle of a multi-year districtwide capital improvement project that is focused on critical building systems such as boiler plants, air conditioning, roofing, electrical upgrades, fire alarms, and PA systems.

Not all elements of a large capital project are ready for construction at the same time. A team of design professionals, construction managers, and district personnel works together to develop the phases of the project. Many elements are considered, including design time, NYS Education Department (NYSED) approvals, bid schedules, and equipment lead times, as well as determining what volume of work can be done in the narrow construction window each summer. The earliest elements of a project to be completed are often those that require the shortest design time and can be constructed with limited coordination between design professionals. Replacing playground equipment is a good example of work that requires

limited design time (usually by the vendor) and no NYSED approval. This allows the work to be completed early in a capital project.

As part of the capital project, the district is installing air conditioning systems in all cafeterias, all gymnasiums, and most classrooms in the elementary schools. This work is in response to NYSED establishing maximum temperature limits in student-occupied spaces.

In most cases, installing air conditioning requires equipment to be mounted on the roofs of our buildings and involves electrical upgrades, structural work, modifications to lighting systems and ceilings, and other interior finishes. Modifications or full replacement of roof surfaces are necessary to accommodate the new equipment. Capital improvements like this need extensive coordination with multiple design professionals and require more time to design, bid, and construct, which pushes them later in the schedule.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

Sincerely,

John Giametta
Executive Director of HR and Operations