Cherokee Heights Elementary

November 2026 - Capital Improvement Project Update

Location: 694 Charlton Street, St. Paul, MN 55107 | Grades: PreK-5 | Enrollment SY25-26: 252
Project website: Systems and Infrastructure Programs | School website: cherokee.spps.org

Project Summary

Project number: 2070-23-01

Funding: Capital Bonds, Long-Term Facilities Maintenance

Project type: Building systems replacements

Square footage: 62,099

SPPS project team:

- Rosemary Dolata, Project Manager

Design team: Bentz Thompson Rietow Inc.

Construction management: RJM Construction

Project Scope

- Updates to HVAC and electrical systems
- New roof
- Classroom reconfigurations
- Technology updates
- Site work
- Accessible entry
- Inclusive restroom

New This Month

- The Cherokee Heights Elementary School Building Replacements project is substantially complete.
- Remaining work is nearly all punch list items.
- Piping work at the swimming pool continues. This item added at the City's request redirects the water from the pool drain into sanitary sewer rather than storm sewer. This task has grown in complexity and duration due to both the age of the system (circa 1976) and jurisdiction questions (i.e. city authority, state authority.).

Project Financial Information

ORIGINAL BUDGET	COMMITTED COSTS	INVOICED TO DATE	CONSTRUCTION AWARD
$20,488,000	$17,946,580	$15,918,831	$12,109,041
CONSTRUCTION COST CHANGES	**% CHANGE**	**TOTAL FORECASTED COST**	**CONSTRUCTION % COMPLETE (AS INVOICED)**
$1,430,725	11.82%	$18,089,274	91.49%

Project Timeline

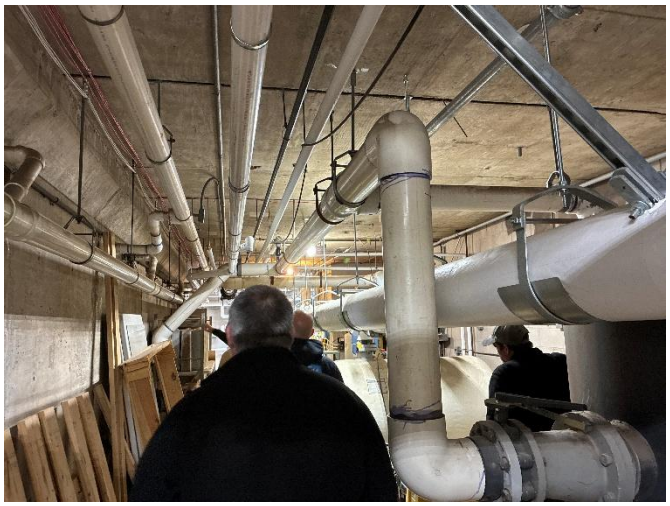
PHASES:	Planning →	Design →		Construction →
BOARD OF EDUCATION GATE CHECK:	Five Year Plan	Project Charter	Budget Approval	Contract Award	Closeout
	March 2021	Aug. 2023	Nov. 2024	Feb. 2025	Fall 2026

Photos: Cherokee Heights Elementary

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Cherokee Heights piping below pool deck (October 2026)