

Facilities Report for Brookings School Board: May 12, 2025

The boiler replacement project at BHS is moving along. Both boilers have been demolished, and steam piping continues to be removed. Steam heating coils are being removed and replaced with hot water coils in the air handlers. Asbestos abatement is about 80% complete.

Spring and summer lawn maintenance is in full swing. Summer help for the grounds crew will be ready to go when school is over for the year.

I will continue to collaborate with contractors at the two new schools to address warranty items and help as needed. The list of items in need of attention is getting smaller every week. In mid-July, there will be a final walkthrough at both Hillcrest and Medary to identify any remaining warranty items that need to be fixed. The one-year warranty period on the new elementary schools expires on 8/29/25.

Fifth Street Gym will be vacated by the district on May 12, and the building will be handed over to the City of Brookings.

The planning work on the science-room renovations continues. It is important to zero in on what those new rooms will look like and how they will better serve students. District personnel will be visiting labs at Dakota BioWorx in Brookings on May 15 to see up to date lab spaces and equipment.

Facilities improvements within the Brookings School District make it a great place to learn and a great place to work. I am grateful for the opportunity to work on improving facilities for students and staff in the Brookings School District.

Respectfully submitted,

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