

**RSU #16 School Board**  
**Operations Report**  
 John Hawley, Director of Operations  
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**FACILITIES**

As much as we would like to have said the first month went off without a hitch.....

- Water pressure at MCS has been a problem. The water pressure has not been enough to flush the toilets, which has created some maintenance issues. A new water pressure booster has been ordered and will be installed as soon as it is available. Due to the single phase electric service at that building, the pump was costlier. This will be roughly a \$9,500 fix.
- We also have a waste water pipe from the kitchen at PCS that keeps backing up. A recent rotor-routing produced sand, which is an indication of a collapsed pipe. We are going to run a camera through the pipe and plan for the repair once we know the true extent of the damages.
- The lighting project at the high school and middle school has been delayed slightly. Due to recent hurricanes, necessary parts for this project have been back ordered, but we are anticipating a start date of October 23rd.
- A meeting with the team from DOE, who are tasked with reviewing the applications for school replacement, went well. The team met with Gary Purington, Kaitlynn Brown, Tina and I to interview us regarding building conditions and then took a tour of the facility. We were encouraged by some of their remarks, but are not going to get our hopes up as we are competing with 88 other schools on the list.
- The painting of the Central Office building has been complete for a couple of weeks now, and we are pleased with the new look.

The Middle School Building Committee has not met since August. However, we are still working on promoting the project. Fliers will be mailed to every residence in the tri-town area the week before Election Day. The public hearing has been scheduled and publicized for Wednesday, October 18th at 6:30 PM at the high school auditorium.

**FOOD SERVICE**

Just so that you have a comparison for the collections activity, in June we had 564 delinquent accounts and a total amount owed of \$30,982.

**Food Service - Meal Debt**

Month	Total Owed	Total Accts.	PRHS	Accts	WMS	Accts	ESS	Acct s	MCS	Acct s	PCS	Accts
Aug-17	\$23,143	391	\$7,250	103	\$3,478	56	\$6,674	62	\$2,108	75	\$3,633	95
Sep-17	\$27,082	470	\$7,445	93	\$4,088	59	\$7,899	87	\$2,579	82	\$5,151	149

One of the biggest time consumers this point in the year is gathering free and reduced applications. As of the date of this report, there were still over 600 students who we have not received applications from. If there is no application received by October 11th, the family automatically defaults to a paid status. This has caused headaches in past years because people who are free one year believe the process is automatic and are free again the next. When their students go through the meal lines, they create charges that we have to dispute with the family. We are making efforts to reach out to each of those 600 students before the deadline