

REORGANIZATION

CAPITAL PROJECTS AND FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS

This Capital Projects and Facilities Improvements plan details the multi phased projects relating to Reorganization.

Introduction

As part of the ongoing Franklin Public Schools Reorganization Process, the Facilities and Operations department has been collaborating closely with School Administration to develop a comprehensive, multi-phased plan aimed at addressing the evolving needs of the district. This improvement plan will guide the improvements necessary to support student learning, optimize the use of space, and ensure the long-term sustainability of district facilities.

From November to December 2024, a series of building site visits and walkthroughs were conducted. These assessments provided valuable insights into the current condition of facilities, anticipated needs for reorganization, and identified key projects that are essential for enhancing the overall learning environment. The findings from these evaluations are reflected in the specific actions outlined in this multi-phased plan.

This document outlines the identified projects and provides a timeline for the expected completion of these initiatives. Additionally, the 2025 Capital Request has been developed in alignment with this plan, addressing the most urgent and immediate needs for facilities as part of the district's reorganization efforts.

The goal of this plan is to ensure that the district's facilities can effectively support the academic and operational needs of Franklin Public Schools as the district continues change and evolve.

Updates on the progress to this improvement plan will be provided to School Committee Summer 2025, Fall 2025, and Spring 2026.

Capital Request Program

Capital Requests from Franklin Public Schools must undergo an approval process before they can be granted. Once the requests are identified and estimated costs are determined, they are formally submitted to the school committee for review. If the school committee approves the request, it is then forwarded to a town council subcommittee for further approval. The final step involves the town council approving the request along with capital requests from other town departments.

Capital funding is made up from unspent money from municipal departments and unanticipated revenue that is received.

Approved FY26 Capital Request

Special Education Vans (2)

\$155,000

BETA Traffic Design

\$190,000

Security Improvements at Franklin Middle School

\$150,000

Moving Services for FPS Reorganization

\$340,000

Phase 1 - School Facilities Projects

\$100,000

OPM Services for Remington/Jefferson School Improvements

\$250,000

Total Capital Request

\$1,185,000





Capital Projects

On February 5, 2025 Capital Requests were approved by town council in the amount of \$1,185,000.



Special Education Van (2)

Franklin Public Schools is replacing two existing Special Education vans that will not pass inspection. These vans are 13 & 14 years old, both having over 167,000 miles and rust on various parts of the vehicle bodies.



BETA Traffic Design

Franklin Public Schools is implementing Phase II of the district reorganization traffic planning, which is important for improving traffic flow and ensuring safety in our community.



Phase I School Facilities Projects

As a result of site visits and building walkthroughs, a multi phased plan has been developed to prioritize specific projects. The projects covered by this capital project include construction for removing four science lab stations (demo, gas, plumbing, and electrical work), relocation of mounted 49 touchviews and equipment, and repairing walls, and painting common areas, hallways, and specific classrooms.



Security Improvements at Franklin Middle School

For a multi-year security improvement initiative to modernize the security systems at our middle school. This project will include the installation of cameras as well as the replacement of all outdated camera systems. This request is part of a long-range replacement plan for all major building components at each school and municipal building scheduled on an ongoing annual basis.



Moving Services for FPS Reorganization

Franklin Public Schools will be using moving services to move furniture to create two large elementary schools and one middle school.



OPM Services for R/J School Improvements

OPM services for the roof, HVAC, and fire alarm projects at the Remington and Jefferson schools. An OPM is required by state law for any project that is expected to exceed \$1.5 million, which this project will be closer to \$10 million.

Capital Projects

Special Education Van (2)

 This capital purchase is not a facilities project, but included as part of the capital request program. By law, Franklin Public Schools is required to transport students if their program is located in a school outside their district. Moreover, the district must provide specialized transportation for any student who needs it due to a disability as outlined in their individualized Education Program (IEP). These new vans are needed to replace vans that are deteriorating in condition due to age and use.

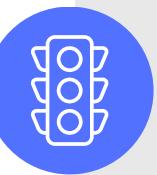
Moving Services for FPS Reorganization

 The moving contract is secured and dates are finalized with the vendor. Moving will be broken up in two sections to accommodate summer programming.

Timeline:

- Spring 2025: Staff trained on moving procedures and preliminary packing begins.
- June 2025: Packing finished by last day of school.
- July 2025: Main move occurs (all sites except JFK and ECDC Expansion to accommodate summer programming).
- August 2025: JFK and ECDC moving after summer programs conclude. Entire moving process finished by August 15, 2025.

BETA Traffic Design- Phase II

 Phase I of the BETA Traffic Study provided Franklin Public Schools with a study of existing conditions relating to traffic, parking, flow of arrival and dismissal, and busses. Phase I also provided an analysis of future conditions based on the effects of Reorganization.

Phase II will begin to lay the ground work planning for district approved concepts at each complex. Phase II includes preliminary designs, final designs, construction documents, environmental permitting, and field study.

There will be no construction for summer 2025. Phase II of the BETA Traffic Design will lay the groundwork for future improvements relating to traffic flow which will result in future capital requests.

OPM Services for R/J School Improvements

 This initial project cost, which is required by law paves the way for project management oversight, designing services, navigating procurement process, and construction management. The OPM Services manage the project from start to finish with the town. These projects are expected to be completed in summer of 2026.

Lincoln Street Elementary Complex



Facilities & Construction

Phase I: May 2025 – August 2025

- Wiring: Various parts of the building will get new wiring to accommodate phone lines, copy machines, and Touchviews.
- Wall Repair: Cosmetic damage to walls due to wear and tear and age will be repaired throughout main areas of the building.
- Painting: Painting will occur in foyers, main entrances, hallways, and select classrooms. Most of these areas have not been painted since the building opened.
- Bracket Removal: Many rooms have old brackets that used to hold screens. These will be removed from 17 rooms to give front of classrooms a cleaner look.
- Stage Area: Old curtains will be removed and large screen and projector will be installed to accommodate staff meetings and student activities.
- Playground: To accommodate increased enrollment by grade level, rubberized surface will be expanded and additional play features will be added.

Phase II: September 2025 – June 2026

- Grade K Bathrooms: Bathrooms in Kindergarten classrooms will get touch ups and repairs.
- Locker Room Modifications: Locker rooms will be repurposed to support the needs of elementary students. Some lockers will be removed and flooring will be modified.
- Improvements to HVAC: Identified rooms will receive modifications to help control moisture.

Phase III: After July 2026

- Additional Wall Repair and Painting: Painting will continue in classrooms.
- Traffic Flow: Enhancements to arrival and dismissal, traffic flow, and increase parking projects will be explored based on results of BETA assessment.



Safety

Phase I: May 2025 – August 2025

- Science Labs: Science rooms that contain gas and water connection will be shut off and made safe to become an elementary classroom. This also includes eye wash stations and shower systems.
- Locker Rooms: Shower water will be turned off.
- Security Improvements: Camera system will receive some upgrades to include replacing older cameras and adding cameras to increase coverage in the building.



Teaching & Learning

Phase I: May 2025 – August 2025

- White Boards: New whiteboards will be installed in 16 rooms where a bulletin board exists or a white board needs replacing.
- Mount Height: Touchviews in 6 rooms will be mounted lower for the proper height based on age group in classroom
- Flooring: Rooms that are fully tiled will receive area rugs to enhance teaching for approximately 32 rooms.

Phase II: September 2025 – June 2026

- Lincoln Street 3-5 Gym: A large screen and projector will be installed to enhance staff meetings and student activities.

Washington Street Elementary Complex



Facilities & Construction

Phase I: May 2025 – August 2025

- Wiring: Various parts of the building will get new wiring to accommodate phone lines, copy machines, and Touchviews.
- Painting: Painting will occur in foyers, main entrances, hallways, and select classrooms. Most of these areas have not been painted since the building opened.
- Shelving: Full wall shelving will be removed in certain rooms.
- Indoor Swing: Indoor swing will be installed in a room to be used by specialized programs.
- Demo: Remove teacher demo tables in 4 science rooms. This will require disconnection of gas, water, demo work, and flooring.
- Curtain Install: Curtains for specialized programming changing areas will be installed.

Phase II: September 2025 – June 2026

- Locker Room Modifications: Locker rooms will be repurposed to support the needs of elementary students. Some lockers will be removed and flooring will be modified.
- Cabinets: Identified cabinets in classrooms will get either refinished or replaced.
- Specialized Program Flooring: A specialized program classroom will get new carpeting.
- Room Numbers: Rooms will be renumbered.

Phase III: After July 2026

- Flooring: Identified rooms will receive new carpeting and new tiling to replace old carpeted flooring.
- Flooring: New flooring in Media Center/Library.
- Additional Wall Repair and Painting: Painting will continue in classrooms.
- HVAC improvements.



Safety

Phase I: May 2025 – August 2025

- Science Labs: Science rooms that contain gas and water connection will be shut off and made safe to become an elementary classroom. This also includes eye wash stations and shower systems.
- Locker room showers will be turned off.
- Classroom with working kitchen will be uninstalled and repurposed at Franklin Middle School.
- Security Improvements: Camera system will receive some upgrades to include replacing older cameras and adding cameras to increase coverage in the building.



Teaching & Learning

Phase I: May 2025 – August 2025

- White Boards: Old bulletin boards will be replaced with new white boards to enhance teaching and learning for elementary students.
- Mount Height: Touchviews and boards will be lowered in mounting height to best serve elementary students.
- Touchviews: Add Touchviews to identified rooms.
- Flooring: Identified rooms will receive area rugs to enhance teaching.

Franklin Middle School



Facilities & Construction

Phase I: May 2025 – August 2025

- Ceilings: Repair and painting in various places across the school.
- Wiring: Various parts of the building will get new wiring to accommodate phone lines, copy machines, and Touchviews.
- Gym Clock: Add a digital clock to the main gym.
- Brackets: Remove brackets from old mounted equipment in 20 classrooms.
- Tvs: Remove old mounted tvs in 29 classrooms.
- Padding: Remove padded wall in identified room and repair wall damage.
- AC: Identified classrooms need A/C systems installed.
- Resource Room: Kitchen from Washington Street will be installed in resource room.
- Painting: Painting will occur in foyers, main entrances, hallways, and select classrooms. Most of these areas have not been painted since the building opened.

Phase II: September 2025 – June 2026

- Mounting Strip: Install mounting strip along concrete hallways.
- Auditorium: Repair broken seats in auditorium.
- Auditorium: Repair flooring in auditorium.
- Auditorium: Replace stained ceiling tiles.
- Water Fountains: Replace bubblers with water filling stations.

Phase III: After July 2026

- Communications: Install buzzer system for back loading dock.
- Additional Wall Repair and Painting: Painting will continue in classrooms.



Safety

Phase I: May 2025 – August 2025

- Security Improvements: Camera system will receive some upgrades to include replacing older cameras and adding cameras to increase coverage in the building.



Teaching & Learning

Phase I: May 2025 – August 2025

- Touchviews: Install Touchviews to identified rooms.
- Mounting Height: Adjust height of mounted boards and Touchviews in 14 classrooms to an appropriate height for Middle School.

ECDC Expansion Pond Street



Facilities & Construction

Phase I: May 2025 – August 2025

- Install adaptive swing.
- Add air conditioning to identified rooms.

Phase II: September 2025 – June 2026

- Install sandbox.

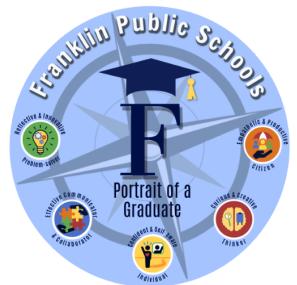


Safety

Phase I: May 2025 – August 2025

- Install fencing around playground.
- Add gate to walkway to prevent vehicles from entering playground area.

District Wide Projects



Phase I: May 2025 – August 2025

- Update systems pertaining to security, work orders, fob entry, phone systems, and PA systems.
- Install signage and wayfinding.
- Move furniture around the district to its proper destination.
- Process surplus equipment, furniture, and supplies.