



September 11, 2020

Dear District 89 Parents and Community,

We are excited to announce that the following schools will be receiving an updated Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning (HVAC) system: Emerson, Irving, Roosevelt and Washington Dual Language Academy (WDLA). The system that will be installed over the next 12 months will not only provide our classrooms with air conditioning, but will also provide air conditioning in all common areas of the school, such as the hallways, cafeterias and gymnasiums. Construction is anticipated to begin this September with exterior work and will be completed by next summer (2021) to ensure the schools are ready for our students next August.

The system being install at these schools is a geothermal system which is an advanced and clean energy system that would fully air condition the building by using the Earth's internal temperature by cycling water through underground pipes and a heat pump. Because the system is dependent on the Earth's temperature is it more efficient in comparison to other systems and will lead to energy cost savings for the district. Construction will include the drilling of well fields, the installation of piping and classroom equipment. The construction will be phased in over the next 12-months. In the event that we are able to return to in-person instruction the interior work would take place during times when students are not in session such as winter break, spring break and the summer months.

We are excited about this opportunity to provide our schools with an updated HVAC system and in some cases with air conditioning for the first time in the school's history. Your respective school principals will communicate more information about the project in the coming months.

Thank you for your time, patience and understanding as we start the 2020-2021 school year.

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