

March 27, 2018

Dear SLMS Titan Parents and Guardians,

I wanted to update you on the status of our HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning) system and what to expect moving forward. The bad news is that for the last couple of days, but also several other times during the school year, the system has not functioned in a way that keeps the building at a comfortable temperature. The good news is that entire system is scheduled to be replaced this summer as a part of the 2014 bond.

A crew came out today and made adjustments to one of our chillers, which has been determined to be at the end of its life cycle. As a result, the district has placed our campus on a 24/7 monitoring plan so that they will be aware of issues with the system the moment they happen and to provide immediate support. The district has pledged to be responsive to us to get us to the end of the school year, when the entire HVAC system (chillers, air handlers, cooling tower, etc.) is scheduled to be replaced.

In the meanwhile, additional support has been pledged to us in the following ways:

1. A request has been made of the Bond Team to expedite the replacement chiller to be installed ahead of schedule and before summer
2. A portable chiller is on standby in the event that our chiller fails before the permanent replacement arrives

This comes at a crucial time, as temperatures start to warm up and as we enter our STAAR testing phase. I wanted you to be aware of the steps that the district is taking to ensure our students and staff are comfortable in their learning and working environments. Thank you for the opportunity to work with such terrific students every day. It is a privilege to serve them.

Sincerely,

Keith Fickel, Principal

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