

## Construction Projects

As many of the capital improvement and construction projects come to close, I'd like to provide the public with a list of the building improvements that have occurred over the past few years. At Valley Elementary an extensive redesign of the school entrance and offices has been completed. The changes require visitors to check in at the office before they are allowed access to classrooms, which assist with building security and student safety. Kanab Elementary received a similar redesign of the building entry for security and safety. Additionally, a remodel of the preschool building, reading lab, 6<sup>th</sup> grade and computer classrooms have been completed. All buildings at KES have been connected with fiber, which has increased the internet connectivity speed and bandwidth to the classrooms. Kanab Middle School has received a new entry redesign for student safety along with a redesign in the locker rooms, new classroom, additional science storage room, and new music room. Valley High School has a new wood, metal, and automotive shop, which essentially make the facility into an industrial technology campus. Additionally, three new classrooms are currently being added to the west side of Valley High School. Kanab High School has a new weight room, music room, two classrooms remodeled, a security lock down system and a new woods and metal shop for the students. All of these projects have been completed to provide additional educational opportunities for students.

The Kane County School Board has completed these projects on a "pay as you go" philosophy, which has allowed the district to stay out of debt and not go to the taxpayers for additional funding through general obligation bonds. Currently, Kane School District does not have outstanding debt, but is still able to provide amazing facilities for the students. If you would like to see any of the capital projects, please visit with a local building principal. I'm sure they would be happy to show you the upgrades to the facilities.

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