

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Department of Facilities Management

DFM Continues to Maintain MCPS's Facilities Efficiently During These Unprecedented Times



The dedicated staff of the Department of Facilities Management (DFM) continues to perform many operational tasks to ensure that the critical needs of our schools are met. Our number one goal is to make sure that our schools remain safe and in optimum operating condition during these uncertain times. Our DFM staff has remained diligent and willing to stand up to today's challenges.



In unused or empty non-critical facilities, our Energy Management Systems team has changed building operation schedules so that the mechanical equipment maintains indoor environmental quality, but does not run continuously. Mechanical equipment runs as needed to reduce indoor humidity levels and introduce fresh air into the buildings to prevent potential buildup of contaminants.



In facilities, such as our food distribution sites, where kitchens are being used sparingly, the use of makeup air units and exhaust fans has been restricted to only times when food preparation is occurring. Kitchens that are not being used at all have been shut down.



In the coming weeks when the changeover from heating to cooling takes place, temperature settings will be adjusted and set slightly higher than normal while our facilities are unoccupied. This will greatly reduce our energy consumption.



Our Division of Maintenance staff is performing emergency repairs and completing critical work throughout the school system. Our Division of Construction's renovation project schedule has been reevaluated and several projects that were planned for the summer will take place while our schools are unoccupied. This will ensure that our extensive list of projects is completed in a timely manner.



As always, our efforts are focused on the needs of our critical spaces, meeting the needs of the facilities that must remain and operational during this time. From assisting with meal distribution to caring for our grounds to performing facility inspections, the Division of School Plant Operations staff remains diligent.