

## **Facilities and Transportation Department**

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The Facilities Department is responsible for the maintenance and protection of assets for nine buildings in the Amherst, Pelham and Regional Schools. The Transportation Department operates and maintains a fleet of nine school buses and fourteen school vans, which provide daily transportation for students both in Amherst and in out-of-district special education placements.

### **Highlights**

- Played a key role redistricting of elementary schools by redrawing map lines and remapping bus routes
- Reduced the contracted buses by 17% and the total mileage by 20% resulting in estimated cost avoidance more than \$250,000 at current rate
- Secured a non-matching energy grant of \$162,000 for the town and the schools
- Moved/consolidated all elementary schools
- Began the ESAH/SAC consolidation and SEC build out and replaced the SEC roof
- Reworked all the Fort River court yards to improve the indoor air quality
- Installed additional locks and cameras for added security to the HS and all the elementary schools
- Replaced badly deteriorated gym entrances at Fort River and Wildwood
- Upgraded the High School boiler room to meet MSBA standards
- Assisted with building of Crocker Farm playground
- Submitted to the State of Massachusetts another statement of interest to renovate three schools
- Replaced walk-in freezer and refrigerators at Wildwood
- Created a five-year region capital plan
- Drove students for more than 200 field trips and provided summer school transportation

### **Current Major Initiatives**

- Continuously expanding security measures in all district facilities
- Managing energy usage to minimize costs
- Developing a long-range capital plan to improve the facilities and transportation infrastructure, resulting in a better learning environment for all students
- Developing an energy grant initiative for Fort River