# **Breck School**

COVID-19 Response Plan Mechanical Systems

> Summary Report October 5, 2020

- Following CDC and ASHRAE guidelines and recommendations
  - <u>ashrae.org/technical-resources/resources</u>
  - cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html
- Breck School HVAC review items:
  - System operation and capabilities analysis complete
  - Ventilation and outdoor air analysis complete
  - Filtration analysis complete
  - Supplemental sterilization/neutralization system analysis complete
  - Monitoring and tracking of system performance and operation ongoing

- Action plan and execution
  - HVAC System operation and capabilities
    - Evaluate options to maintain air exchange/turnover in each classroom every 15 20 minutes complete
    - Maintain negative airflows for all bathroom facilities complete
    - Operate ventilation systems 24/7 complete
    - Clean the interior of primary ductwork main supplies complete
    - Seal portions of existing ductwork to minimize air loss and improve air delivery to spaces
      - complete

- Action plan and execution
  - Ventilation and outdoor air
    - Evaluate the utilization of outdoor open air environments whenever possible complete
    - Maximize building outdoor air intakes to 100% whenever possible complete
    - Over-ride any demand control ventilation controls to maximize outdoor air delivery complete
    - Modify HVAC systems and ductwork for Nurse care/observation areas to provide nonrecirculation air distribution – complete
    - Evaluate replacement of existing HVAC systems where necessary to provide additional capacity/operation
      - Foreign Language rooftop replacement scheduled for mid-November 2020

- Action plan and execution
  - Filtration
    - Review of existing HVAC delivery units for current filtration capability and upgrade opportunities – complete
    - Initiate upgrade to MERV 13 filter media where possible complete
      - MERV 13 media installation ongoing
      - Installation will continue as additional media is delivered. Currently on backorder due to high demand (i.e. same materials as N-95 masks)
      - Targeting early December 2020 for all media installation.
    - Provide active monitoring and filter replacement based on utilization ongoing

- Action plan and execution
  - Implement supplemental neutralization/sterilization for HVAC systems analysis complete
  - Selection of AtmosAir Bipolar Ionization system for installation complete
  - Current areas designated for installation
    - Pool
    - Boy's Lockers
    - Girl's Lockers
    - AHU SB-1
    - Gym C
  - Installation completion scheduled for mid-October 2020

- Action plan and execution
  - System performance and operation
    - Monitoring of overall system setpoints ongoing
    - Filter media performance and replacement ongoing
    - Monitoring of outdoor air temperature and ventilation rates ongoing
    - Adaptation of damper settings and setpoints ongoing
    - Review of operational usage or density changes for interior spaces ongoing
    - Continual review and plan adaptations of CDC guideline updates and recommendations ongoing