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COVID-19 Building Adaptations (\$2.2 million)

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Since the early days of the pandemic, we've paid close attention to the data and listened carefully to the health experts when making decisions about how to make our public buildings safer for our students, teachers and school community, the public and our employees.

One area we significantly leaned in on is ventilation. Following up on our \$4.5 million investment in ventilation system upgrades in our schools to sustain high quality indoor environments for our staff and visitors.

Police Headquarters: The work at the 1321 Washington Street Police headquarters in West Newton Square will focus on replacements of critical equipment and systems to sustain fresh air introduction and air exchange. These funds will allow us to replace the rooftop air handling units, chillers, controls, and also make improvements to the insulation and efficiency of the various equipment. These systems will all be fully electric with no use of fossil fuels onsite. This work will be coordinated with the installation of new emergency communication equipment and computer upgrades.

City Hall War Memorial Auditorium: The ventilation system at the auditorium in City Hall will receive upgrades to allow us to once again use this incredible asset for community events, public meetings, cultural programs, and staff meetings. Additionally, we will improve the basement spaces at City Hall, including operable windows to allow for increased fresh air flow and better ventilation.

Fire Stations #1 and #2: This work will include installation of central and localized ventilation systems at Station #1 and replacement of windows with operable units at Station #2. This work will compliment \$300,000 in improvements made in 2020 to replace windows at Station #1 and restore a central ventilation system in the attic at Station #2.

UPDATE (4/19/22): Total project costs for Police Headquarters project in light of bids received by the City are \$400,000 more, bringing the total COVID-19 Building Adaptation project costs to \$2.2 million.