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## R-7 schools continue to benefit from April no-tax-increase bond issue

*\$40 million issue includes improvements at each school, construction of new Summit Tech / Missouri Innovation Campus*

Thanks to Lee's Summit R-7 voter approval of an April bond issue, each school is receiving facility improvements during summer 2015 and summer 2016. By mid-August, approximately \$8 million in school improvements had been completed throughout the school district.

School improvements funded through the issue are in the areas of classroom instruction, safety and security, health and wellness, ADA access renovations and special education as well as maintenance projects designed to protect the district's investment

in its schools. Also included are playground safety upgrades for all elementary schools' soft play areas and replacement of deteriorated play equipment. Work on the majority of the eight elementary playgrounds planned for summer 2015 was complete by the start of school, and it is anticipated that all of these improvements will be finished during September 2015.

Examples of maintenance projects at schools are flooring, carpet, ceilings, painting, roofing, paving, mechanical, doors, windows,

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## Connect2Learn helps LS R-7 meet the needs of each student

*All students received Chromebooks to use at school and at home by Aug. 26*

Through the R-7 School District's new Connect2Learn program, each student from kindergarten through 12th grade received his or her own Google Chromebook this fall. High-school students received their digital devices in early August, and middle-school students during the first week of school. Elementary school distribution followed with more than 17,500 R-7 students receiving Chromebooks by Aug. 26.

"The Chromebook rollout supports our district's priorities and is an important step toward further developing engaged learners and meeting the district's mission -- We prepare each student for success in life," said Dr. Kevin Daniel, R-7 associate superintendent instruction and leadership.

Through Connect2Learn, students have access to this



**High school students received their Chromebooks Aug. 5 and 6 at registration.**

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## From the superintendent

COMMENTARY



*Dr. David McGehee is Lee's Summit R-7 School District superintendent and a Lee's Summit resident*

**David McGehee**

## A 'game-changing' and exciting school year

The 2015-16 year promises to be a "game changing" time in the life of the R-7 School District, and I am especially enthusiastic about the advancements we are making in teaching and learning and the capital improvements at our school facilities.

### **Connect2Learn one-to-one Chromebooks**

The Connect2Learn program has resulted in more than 17,500 students receiving Google Chromebooks for learning this year. We are hearing positive reviews from students, parents and educators about the enthusiasm

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