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Report to the Board

Jake Massey, Superintendent

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Around the District:

School is off to a great start in LJSD! Thanks to our great teachers and staff, students are well taken care of and have what they need to have a great school year.

Enrollment is up to about 4,750, with physical attendance counts coming in around 4,550. This is about a 95.6% attendance rate, which is typical for LJSD schools. These numbers typically fluctuate a bit over the first weeks of school. **Growth is great news for our school district.** At this time we're up about 115 students from last year.

Our summer renovation projects are completed, and it's wonderful to see students and staff in our refreshed buildings. The work has been well received by the community, and we continue to communicate about the utilization of our "modernization funds" from the State of Idaho so our community understands how these projects were paid for. The new parking lot layout at Lakeland Middle School has greatly increased the safety of students walking to students and the smooth flow of traffic during drop-off and pick-up times.

Community Engagement

We held our first meeting of the Long Range Facilities Planning and Strategic Planning Committees in the past two weeks. It was great to get started on this important work with community members who are interested in serving the district. As previously discussed, there will be a report to the board about discussions & recommendations from these committees at regular board meetings. **The goal of these committees is to get community input, plan for the future *in the open*, and diligently prepare recommendations for the board.**

I had the opportunity to speak to the CDA Regional Chamber of Commerce along with State Superintendent Critchfield, Superintendent Hocker (CDA) and Superintendent Wilson (Post Falls) this week. It was a great opportunity to share with the broader community about how schools are funded in Idaho.

As always, it's a pleasure to serve the students and staff of the Lakeland Joint School District.

Respectfully submitted,

Jake Massey