



Pursuing Excellence for All: For Every Student, Every Day

**Superintendent Report
October 2026 Board Meeting**

Monthly Projects/Accomplishments/Good News

- **Leadership Platte Valley (Formerly Accountability).** We held our first meeting Wednesday evening with 12 people in attendance, several being new. The topic was an Overview of Platte Valley – District Vision and Understanding Your School Board. The next meeting Wednesday, October 21st on District and School Accountability and S-CAP.
- **Homecoming Week.** Participation in homecoming week activities were strong throughout the week. The building principals and staff did a great job of staying focused on education when in the classroom during the day while holding the multitude of events and celebrating the week. I also want you to know how much time our staff, especially 6-12, spend outside of the regular day to prepare and attend these events. I am very appreciative of their work and efforts.
- **Board/Superintendent Student Advisory.** James, Luke, and I held our first advisory meetings this week. We were able to reconnect with the students and re-norm the purpose and intention of the groups. We gave them the student search policy to review and homework to come back to us with thoughts and perspectives on the policy. We had six middle school students and five high school students attend.
- **Abatement Completed.** We have officially completed abatement and received approval from the state to move forward with demolition, which resumed on Monday, October 5th.
- **PD Day.** We held our Professional Development day on Friday focused on content area collaboration, vertical alignment, and began working on a curriculum alignment audit. The afternoon was spent in building level data analysis. The focus and discussion topics for each content area was as follows:

Focus for the Session

- Each building share the great work currently taking place.
- Discuss successes, celebrations, key observations, and wonderings.
- Next steps

Discussion Topics

- How can we better support one another across grade levels?
- 8th- to 9th-grade transition considerations
- Resources/Supports needed

Content areas were led by: Jason McNair and Mike Green, Math; Kyle Appelhans, Science; Eric Lind and Ashley VanSlyke, Language Arts; Jason Arkulari, Social Studies. I have attached material related to our work and process for the curriculum audit we are working through. This is part of the work identified in our strategic plan.

Mrs. Loeffler did a great job of working with our administration to help prepare for this day.

Issues We are Working On or Monitoring

- **S-CAP.** We sent out family S-CAP surveys today and will administer to staff and students 4th – 12th in the coming weeks. Students 6th-12th grade will take their survey during advising and 4th-5th grade teams will find the best time for students to take .
- **Construction Update.** Final phase of demolition is scheduled to begin this coming Monday and it is expected to take approximately 12 days to demo and backfill the foundations. As soon as this work is completed work will begin on the elementary parking expansion and student drop-off area. Sod installation for the new football field is still weather dependent and likely to have to be pushed into the spring.

Other site work has been progressing as much as possible. Sod has been laid at the old central office location. The promenade lighting is now up and operational and pedestrian controlled lights have been installed across 9th street from the stadium to the promenade. The secure outdoor learning space on the south side of the middle school is taking shape. Concrete edging has been poured and the boulder seating is in place. The synthetic turf work is scheduled to begin next week. and we anticipate the remaining concrete for the promenade to be poured by the middle of October.

- **Attendance Data through September.** Attendance data K-12 is provided below through September for your reference. Preschool does not calculate due to the schedule students have.

Elementary

Perfect Attendance 126 students

	Kinder	01	02	03	04	05	All Grades
August	96.19%	97.97%	95.91%	95.54%	95.74%	96.22%	96.26%
September	96.44%	97.07%	95.22%	96.15%	95.61%	95.35%	95.97%

Middle School

Perfect Attendance 47 Students

	06	07	08	All Grades
August	95.84%	95.91%	97.62%	96.46%
September	96.68%	95.41%	95.62%	95.90%

High School

Perfect Attendance 20 Students

	09	10	11	12	All Grades
August	95.01%	95.16%	95.00%	90.41%	93.90%
September	91.88%	92.69%	93.96%	88.47%	91.75%

- **September Economic Forecast.** JBC received information on this Friday. The General Fund is estimated to have ended FY 2025-26 with an 11.9 percent reserve, \$140.7 million below the statutory reserve requirement, primarily owing to departmental over-expenditures relative to appropriations. This amount does not include year-end reversions, which will narrow the deficit when identified for the December forecast. General Fund revenue grew by 0.3 percent and totaled \$17.23 billion. The State Controller certified that revenue fell short of the Referendum C cap by \$175.9 million.

FY 2026-27 The forecast incorporates the 2026 Long Bill and all other 2026 legislation. The General Fund is expected to end FY 2026-27 with a 13.5 percent reserve, \$124.5 million above the 13.0 percent statutory reserve requirement. This amount may change based on ballot measures approved at the November 2026 election. Notably, the estimate for the General Fund ending balance assumes current law appropriations, and any supplemental appropriations approved during the 2027 legislative session will affect the ending balance. General Fund revenue is expected to grow at a robust 9.5 percent rate and total \$18.86 billion, with strong growth in individual and corporate income taxes and moderate growth in sales taxes. Revenue expectations were upgraded by about \$340 million relative to the June forecast. State revenue subject to TABOR is expected to exceed the Referendum C cap by \$826.8 million. However, the General Fund obligation for TABOR refunds is estimated at \$463.7 million.

The budget outlook has deteriorated since June, but most reasons for the downgrade are on the expenditures side, rather than a result of changes to the revenue forecast. Medicaid costs again exceeded appropriations in FY 2025-26 and were the largest component of FY 2025-26 over expenditures, which totaled \$213.1 million. Medicaid costs are expected again to exceed current law appropriations in FY 2026-27 and to grow quickly once more in FY 2027-28. Further, changes to federal law will create a state budget obligation for SNAP beginning in FY 2027-28. These budget drivers will crowd out space under the state TABOR limit, constraining the amounts available for other programs. With revenue expectations now firmly above the TABOR limit through the forecast period, the General Fund budget is insulated from smaller fluctuations in revenue expectations. However, an economic downturn would drop revenue below the limit, with direct impacts on the budget.