Lyon County School District
Board Memo

Date: November 17, 2026

To: Board of School Trustees

From: Stacey Griffin-Cooper, Deputy Superintendent

Re: Policy JECBB: Student Open Enrollment - Variance

Recommendation: That the LCSD Board of Trustees approve revisions to Policy JECBB: Student Open Enrollment - Variance as a second and final reading.

Background Information: Policy JECBB updates the district's open enrollment rules to align with Nevada law and 2025 state legislation (AB 533 and SB 460). It creates transparent procedures for students applying to attend a school outside their assigned attendance zone when/if space is available.

Key Updates and Requirements Required by Statute Include:

- **Continuous Enrollment:** Once accepted, students no longer need to re-apply every year. They can remain at the school through its highest grade level.
- **Capacity & Timing:** Grade-level capacities must be calculated and published 90 days before application windows open.
- **Fair Selection & Lotteries:** Open enrollment decisions cannot consider academic performance, athletic ability, attendance or disability status (though denials are allowed for severe discipline history). When applications exceed capacity, a structured lottery will fill spots using a three-tiered priority system that favors siblings and students transferring from 1-Star or 2-Star schools.
- **Equal Access & Exceptions:** Applications are free, and must be available in multiple languages. Specific exemptions remain in place for family hardships, address changes, and tribal reservation students. School principals and administrators maintain approval authority.
- **Logistics, Appeals & Reporting:** Parents remain responsible for student transportation. Denials can be appealed to the Superintendent within 10 days, and the district will publish an annual public report on open enrollment figures.

Due to the questions and discussion during the first reading, changes were made to clarify inner-district and out-of-district variances. Highlighted blue.

Budget Considerations: N/A

Discussed at Previous Meeting:
October 27, 2026

Attachment(s):
Policy JECBB: Student Open Enrollment Variance and Variance Application