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LAKEVIEW JR HIGH SCHOOL

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## Lakeview Junior High School

January '26 Board Report

### **Goal One – Education**

After winter break, our teachers dove right back into engaging students as we wrap up the first semester of the school year. Across classrooms, students are putting the final touches on projects in their exploratory classes, participating in hands-on science labs, engaging in novel studies, and preparing to begin their National History Day projects.

It has been wonderful to see so many of our district's learner characteristics in action as students collaborate, think critically, and take ownership of their learning. In addition, administration will be meeting with grade-level teams to review winter MAP data and ensure that our tiered interventions continue to be appropriate and responsive to the needs of our students.

Looking ahead, we are excited to launch a reading incentive challenge that will encourage a love of reading and culminate with a Kane County Cougars baseball game for students who rise to the challenge.

### **Goal Two – Essentials**

Lakeview has been bustling with energy as our students stay actively involved in a wide variety of sports and activities. As we near the end of the boys basketball season, it has been wonderful to see such strong participation in both basketball and cheer, along with packed stands full of students cheering on their Spartans. We are especially excited for our cheerleaders as they head into a competition this coming weekend and wish them the best of luck.

As basketball season winds down, our volleyball coaches are already offering open gym opportunities to encourage skill-building and help students feel comfortable before tryouts. Beyond athletics, our chess team is up and running, and musical tryouts are just around the corner, providing even more opportunities for students to get involved.

These connections, to teams, activities, and one another, help foster a strong sense of belonging at Lakeview, strengthening our school community and supporting student engagement, confidence, and overall success.

### **Goal Three – Environment**

Our learning environment continues to thrive thanks to the intentional efforts of our ACE team, which works tirelessly to build a positive and supportive school culture. One way this comes to life is through recognizing our "silent heroes" — the dedicated staff members who maintain and care for our learning spaces through their hard work and often unseen tasks, whether in the evenings after students have left or throughout the school day in classrooms and hallways. Their commitment plays a vital role in creating an environment where students and staff can learn and grow.

We are also looking forward to a very exciting end-of-quarter assembly where we will unveil our new Spartan mascot, made possible through the generous support of Team 66. During the assembly, we will recognize our custodial staff, provide students with an opportunity to speak and promote school activities, celebrate student participation, and enjoy some good old-fashioned competition between our ACE colors. These assemblies are some of our students' favorite days of the year, and school board members are warmly invited to join in the fun on January 16 from 2:40–3:30 p.m.