

# Lakeland Joint School District #272

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## Board Agenda Item

**AGENDA ITEM: Discussion Item-** Possible Zone Changes for Garwood, Twin Lakes, and John Brown– Deer Field, only

**PURPOSE:** Discuss the Possibility of Zone Changes to Garwood, Twin Lakes, and John Brown

**MEETING DATE:** March 4, 2026

**PREPARED BY:** Rusty Taylor

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## **INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY:**

### **Elementary Capacity & Boundary Considerations**

#### **Garwood Elementary (GW)**

- Currently operating at **97% functional capacity**
- Average class sizes range from **25–30 students per classroom**
- The GW attendance zone is experiencing **significant growth**
- Without proactive action, we anticipate further **overcrowding in the near future**

#### **Twin Lakes Elementary (TL)**

- Currently operating at **76% capacity**
- One of our newer elementary facilities
- The attendance zone shows **no projected growth**
- If no adjustments are made, enrollment is expected to **continue declining**

### **Proposed Solution: Boundary Adjustment**

- A boundary adjustment would relieve pressure at GW while increasing enrollment at TL
- The inclusion of the **Deer Field area (John Brown zone)** is intended to:
  - Increase TL utilization to approximately **90–95% capacity**
  - Maximize the effective use of district facilities
  - Create a better bussing approach with Deer Field Students

This approach allows us to address both growth and underutilization strategically rather than allowing one school to become overcrowded while another remains under-enrolled.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:** Review the summary, options A,B,C, and parent feedback, and list to parents who attend the board meeting.

**SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATION:** Discussion Item. Nothing at this time.

**Additional Items:**

Functional Capacity  
Lakeland Elementary Zones  
Option A– Zone Change  
Option B- Zone Change  
Option C- Zone Change, Deer Field  
Zone Change Timeline  
Parent Feedback– Open Houses