



# CENTER CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 66

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LAKEVIEW JR HIGH SCHOOL

PRAIRIEVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## **Tom Tiede- Director of Transportation/Buildings & Grounds**

March 2026 Board Report

### **Transportation**

This time of year is always refreshing as we begin to get snippets of more favorable weather to come. In the bus world, that means less winter blending of fuel, early startups, and cold weather mechanical issues that always seem to appear. As we look ahead, we know this time of year tends to “fly by,” so preparations for the next school year begin already. Behind the scenes, there are updates and annual training on the routing software to take into effect any new homes, roadway changes, traffic lights, etc as well as beginning to forecast and roll over students into their next grade to predict any big route changes that may need to occur based on student numbers.

As the weather changes, extracurricular activities also ramp up with Lakeview volleyball, Memory Makers Club, the new AAA Program at PV, upcoming soccer seasons and a mix of choir and band events. In addition, the calendar is filling up rapidly with grade levels planning Spring/end of year field trips. Bright and exciting times await!

### **Buildings & Grounds**

Bids for Phase 1 of the parking lot renovations came in under budget and you will have a motion to approve the low bid contractor to complete the reconstruction work over the summer of 2026. In addition, work and planning continues for the revitalization of Gym #1 at Lakeview with work on the video walls, audio and visual all to begin in the next 4-6 weeks. Coming up this Spring, one of our LV 8th graders, Caleb, will be completing his eagle scout project providing a refresh of the area by the sign near the campus entry as well as installing new benches near the main lobby entry. In addition, Dylan Tran, is also going to be doing an eagle scout project at IDE revolving around improving and broadening the impact of the garden at IDE. Thank you to these two young men and their organizations for thinking of District #66 when choosing service projects.

Our school buildings have been a flurry of activity most nights and even weekends. We have hosted the “Winter Wonderland” dance, Band Solo Contest, Pack the Place, and the upcoming “Panther Palooza” & Spartan Showcase amongst other activities including building rentals to outside organizations. These many activities keep our custodial crews very busy and I thank them for their consistent extra efforts in these busy times.