



LAKELAND JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Board Agenda Item Request

AGENDA ITEM: Discussion Item - Redraw school attendance zones

PURPOSE: Requires Board Direction

MEETING DATE: December 9, 2024

PREPARED BY: Lisa Arnold

SUMMARY

In looking at ways to cut \$9.52 million from our budget, I believe that we have to think outside of the box. We cannot do things the way we have always done them and reduce our budget to the degree that is necessary. As I look at current enrollment numbers, if we roll our elementary students to next year and plan for the same number of kindergarten students we have this year (this is typically how we plan), we would have 1872 students at the elementary level. If we divide this number by 5 instead of 6, we would have 374 students in 3 schools and 375 in 2. If we redraw our attendance zones to balance our students across 5 schools, we would save costs on staffing. One elementary principal is retiring this year. We would not need to fill that position. There would also be some classified positions that would no longer be required.