

Lakeland Joint School District #272

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Report to the Board

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Day to Day in LJSD:

Overall, daily operations in the district are normal. Attendance is up from previous months, with the last four weeks averaging 95.63%. We have three weeks left of school and graduations for all three of our high schools on the horizon!

The last month of the school year is a memorable and fun time for students. Around the district we have many field trips, such as the annual 4th Grade Cataldo Mission Field Trip, and other fun events and celebrations. Our teachers in all schools do a great job in the Spring celebrating student learning and showing students the growth they've made over the course of the year.

On May 28th, we have our *Celebration of Learning Day* for K-5 students. This day, which replaced *student-led conferences* last year, is a fun and energizing way to bring families into the schools to celebrate their students' accomplishments.

Planning for 2026-27

A great deal of work is underway as we plan for next school year. Bell schedules are finalized, work calendars are being generated, and our teams are working to ensure that all of the details are taken care of.

As of Friday, May 15th, we have 2,154 students enrolled for next year, with **196 of those being new Kindergarteners**. This number is, of course, expected to increase over the coming weeks. Staff in our school offices are diligently reaching out to families to encourage them to register for the 26/27 school year before our Student Management System update in early August.

Summer School

Summer school is on-track to start shortly after our regular school year is over. Like usual, there are about 160 students participating in credit recovery classes during summer school. We're glad to continue to be able to host this opportunity *in both* Lakeland and Timberlake High Schools.

Please note, we no longer qualify for summer food service at our schools in Spirit Lake, so there may not be the same opportunity at THS as there is at LHS.

We want the board and the community to be aware that this has nothing to do with a decision the district has made. Rather, because we qualify for fewer and fewer summer food service sites each year, it's a change that we cannot avoid. We're working with our Food Service Department as well as other outside organizations to see how we can provide some options for THS students during summer school. LHS students will have lunch on-site.

As always, it's a pleasure to serve the students and staff of the Lakeland Joint School District. We have much to celebrate and look forward to as we wrap up another year and plan for 26/27.

Respectfully submitted,

Jake Massey