

Lakeland Joint School District #272

15506 N Washington Street, Rathdrum, ID 83858

Phone: 208-687-0431 Fax: 208-687-1884

~ Web www.sd272.org



Report to the Board

Jake Massey, Interim Superintendent

July 15, 2026

Around the District:

Community members may note that we have a great deal going on around the district!

Our Lakeland High School, Lakeland Middle School, and John Brown Elementary projects are on or ahead of schedule. These projects, made possible by one-time modernization funds from the State of Idaho, will greatly improve our schools. Ginno Construction is providing outstanding service and communication.

At Timberlake High School, the field house project is underway. This exciting project was made possible *entirely* through private donations. We're extremely grateful to our donors for supporting this project that, when completed, will serve the entire community.

Planning for 2026-27:

We continue to see enrollment trickle in over the summer months. We're approaching our transition week from Skyward to Qmaltive, and we're encouraging families to register prior to the change in student management systems so they do not have to re-enroll in the new system.

Curriculum Director interviews took place last Thursday, and I'd like to thank the administrators and teachers who took the time out of their summer break to come in and assist with the process. I plan to bring the Organizational Chart back to the trustees in August to address how this position will change the leadership structure at the district level.

We're planning a book study for the principals next year on *The Essential 55* by Ron Clark. The book, *The Essential 55*, is a list of expectations for students ranging from how to greet and speak to adults, the importance of standing up when speaking in class, and the necessity of always thanking the bus driver. Through great storytelling, compelling evidence and plenty of levity, the book addresses how we can set high expectations for students and teach them simple skills to better equip them to be successful members of their community. The ultimate goal is for each school to implement their own "essentials" for the building, recognizing that there will be a set of district-wide essentials that we all agree to.

We're hard at work on other behind-the-scenes planning to ensure we're ready for a great beginning of the school year. Our schedule for back-to-school week for both teachers and students is coming together well. Some of the other items I'm working on to get prepared for the new school year are: recommendations for the policy updates to be given to the policy committee, updated handbooks for students and staff, and professional development for instructional staff.

Finally, I look forward to our conversation in the July regular board meeting about the Long Range Facilities Planning Committee and Strategic Planning Committee. I believe that through these two committees, we can have powerful conversations with our community that can help us create some clarity in how we move forward.

Other Updates:

We have a plan in place for the vacancy in our Facilities Director position. The job is posted now, and we hope to interview as soon as the end of July if we have qualified candidates. Tim Haag has graciously offered to remain available to us during the interim since we have so many current projects underway. We plan to keep him on for consultation with a \$750 monthly stipend. This will allow him to keep his email, keys and keycard. We plan to end this after we are able to hire and onboard a new Facilities Director.

Our Armed District Safety Specialist (ADSS) position is now posted on an ongoing basis. We changed the job posting to make it clear to candidates that the job is posted all the time, and we will review applications on an ongoing basis.

Since our last discussion about a potential "land swap" with the City of Rathdrum, a small team from the district toured the City Hall building on Main St. Considering that many of the previous concerns about the building have been addressed, we feel it is worth a closer look. If there is support from the board, our next step would be to have a more formal inspection of the city hall building, a walk through including any trustees that want to tour the building, and ultimately, an appraisal of both the City's property and ours.

Summer school is nearing completion for the 25-26 session, and has been a success. Thank you to the teachers and administrators who have taken the time to invest in our students, and supported them to recover the credits they need to stay on track!

As always, it's a pleasure to serve the students and staff of the Lakeland Joint School District.

Respectfully submitted,

Jake Massey