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FROM THE ELEMENTARY:

Student Achievement and Well Being

- Welcome to School Letters were mailed to families on Friday. Students receive a letter from their classroom teacher, as well as general information about the start of the year. Electronic follow up was sent today (Monday) for ease of sign up for Welcome Days.
- Welcome Days' final touches are being worked on- T/W September 2 and 3. Family conferences, bus safety, formal document review, bus safety and necessary paperwork will be completed, Hearing/vision screenings will be offered at targeted grades (recommended by Morgan Johnson, district nurse)

Effective Resource Management

- We continue to work on completing staff hires. Interviews are scheduled for Monday for the open paraprofessional positions. All other positions should be secure for 2025-26.
- Consultation process and development of grant applications for HLWW and parochial schools are in process (Holy Trinity/St James). The advisory team met last in June. Our initial grant applications were submitted and returned recently for minor revisions. Those will be resubmitted in the upcoming week for approval. I have held meetings in the last week with St. James and Holy Trinity administrators relative to the grants.
- The Transition Team met in July and will meet again August 12 to continue the work for the building reconfigurations in the 2026-27 school year.

Family Partnership and Community Engagement

- Participated in the Lakers PTA's Annual meeting, held July 28. The group has a good vision for the upcoming year and beyond, and is making some positive changes with a proposal to expand to support middle and high school students/staff with administrative approval. This is currently being discussed.
- Volunteer forms will be presented at Welcome Days to encourage partnerships!
- Formal planning will begin for outdoor classroom space in September thanks to the generous support of the area Lions' clubs. Our goal for completion will be by the end of the 2025-26 school year.

Staff Development and Support

- Laker Leadership met to discuss final plans for our back to school schedule. Things are coming together!
- Mentor/New Teacher Induction plans are scheduled for new instructional staff on August 20-21. Kelli Westling is leading this work.
- We are developing plans for the next steps relative to READ Act guidance. New staff falling into the category of "phase 1" status will work through training, as will paraprofessionals as part of legislative/MDE's expectations. Fall PD work will be focused on FastBridge and eventually, Capti. These are required components from MDE for instructional/screening tools.