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Report to the Board

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Day to Day in LJSD:

While this is not surprising, it is worth noting for the Trustees and for the public that our day-to-day operations are all on-track and running smoothly.

Some higher-level items have been put on hold for the time being. Those items include previously scheduled Long Range Facilities Planning Committee meetings as well as some safety and security events such as our Full Scale Exercise that was planned for Twin Lakes Elementary this June. Other long-term curriculum projects, such as the Secondary “GVC” projects referred to in my previous reports, will likely be delayed.

Planning for 2026-27

This past week the team met with all building principals and directors to discuss staffing for the 2026-27 school year. At this time, our estimates of necessary staffing are based on enrollment projections by simply rolling numbers up one grade level.

One of the most important things we can do for our students is to *hire well*, and our best opportunity for hiring is in the Spring as opposed to late Summer. Without adjusting position control, which would require board action, we’re getting as many of our open positions posted and filled as early as possible while the applicant pool is strong.

We also are planning for a transition in our student management system (SMS) from Skyward to Qmlative. This transition will take place *roughly* between August 4th and 13th, and all SMS services, **including student registration** will be unavailable during that period of time. Because this will impact registration for families, we will open returning registration earlier than normal, and will communicate with families to ensure all have plenty of opportunity to complete the returning registration process before the cut off in early August. Any returning registrations that are not completed by August 4th will need to be completed in the new system after August 13th. We will be available to assist families with this process.

Levy Updates:

Thank you, Trustees, for being in attendance at our first Plant Facilities Levy Town Hall last week. We are grateful for the turnout from the community and plan to continue the same spirit of open communication in the coming weeks.

Our first live-streamed event was a learning experience. We're looking forward to applying what we learned to our next Town Hall at Timberlake High School on April 23rd.

Coming up, you can expect:

- More videos from the district office sharing details with the community.
- Additional flyers shared out via social media and school communication methods.
- The team at the District Office continues to meet with community leaders and groups to raise awareness and provide information.

We will continue to share materials with the board when they are created.

Curriculum & Instruction:

The ISAT testing window is open for the Spring, and the IRI window will open May 1st. In fact, a few ISAT tests have already been completed. Congratulations to our Mountain View Alternative School 6th-8th grade students who have already completed their Science ISAT. The preliminary report (which is subject to slight updates), shows this group **nearly doubled their proficiency rate** from last year.

All schools have put a great deal of thought and energy into how to best support and encourage students to do their best. We always remind students that these end-of-year summative tests are a great opportunity to show what they have learned, and are also just a snapshot in time. We know that all students have tremendous value as individuals, and that is not always measured in tests such as these.

Safety & Security:

For the time being, our plan for Community Safety Meetings is on pause. This meeting was planned to be supported by the Office of Emergency Management for Kootenai County, and would have been an opportunity for responding agencies to get together and collaborate over table-top exercises and work with LSJD leadership on our crisis responses and emergency plans. All participants in this are still on board and we plan to pick up with this plan again next school year.

Reminder from last month: The KCSO contract for our three SROs will remain a 70/30 split for the upcoming school year. The only update we are still navigating is that **the 70/30 split will now apply to overtime**. We're still working with our impacted school principals, SROs and the KCSO supervisor to problem solve how we want to approach overtime for the deputies. We currently have an agreement with Rathdrum PD to cap overtime, and this arrangement works well.