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FROM THE ELEMENTARY:

Student Achievement and Well Being

- FastBridge Testing is complete, initial data reviewed, and intervention/extension groups have been under way for a few weeks. Teachers will begin SAEBRS testing (focus on SEL) after MEA break.
- Laker Proud (Advisory Groups) are under way with the second meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 7. Both sessions' topics relate to bully education and prevention.

Effective Resource Management

- The Transition Team met last week as part of our ongoing work to merge to K-2 and 3-4 campuses in 2026-27. Last week's major topics included staffing and building structures/placements of classrooms, support/intervention staff, preschool, etc. Our next meeting is scheduled for the first part of December, which will involve the physical needs of moving classrooms (packing, moving, renovations, paint, etc). A facilities audit, not tied to this discussion, will add additional insight to our physical structures and planning. Conversations and discussions continue to be robust and thoughtful.

Family Partnership and Community Engagement

- Reading Corps (part of the Americorps program) has started, and we have two additional tutors that will join our building teams in a few weeks. Reading Corps is a tutoring program that works with students in small groups of 1-3 to support reading needs.
- PTA meets October 9, and will have a presence at Homecoming for tailgating. The elementary group currently has micro-grant opportunities open for elementary staff to apply for, and the PTA are also planning some upcoming events for family engagement.
- National Walk to School Day is Wednesday, October 8. K-4 students, staff and other walking volunteers will walk to school from an off-site location. Board members are welcome to join the fresh air and quick walk! See me for more specific details on times/locations. (Preschool will NOT participate this fall, but plan to in the spring.)

Staff Development and Support

- Late start this Friday will be focused on more in-depth use of FastBridge for staff. Those not directly using FastBridge will work in departments and/or with specialists specific to their needs.
- Rounding sessions are going well. Conversations have been productive and worthwhile.