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In an effort to align with the goals of our strategic plan, here are a few highlights from the elementary buildings in areas as they best fit..

All students perform at or above expectations

*Multiple trainings are being finalized and will roll out the first week staff are back. The continued use of UFLI (implemented last year), along with FAST screening and our Science of Reading learning this year will help us key into greater results.

All students feel they belong and are supported

*Communication regarding class assignments and Welcome Days information, as well as a personal “welcome to school” letter from students’ respective classroom teachers was mailed Friday. Electronic follow up specific to the teacher assignment and initial materials needed was pushed out today (Monday, 8/12)

Effective and efficient use of resources

*We are in a good place with facilities. Custodial staff have worked hard to ensure we are ready for students and staff to return. Just a few items of work remain and we will be ready. Office staff have also been diligent in registrations, mailing and “back to school” tasks, and have made it easy for all to transition back to school. (THANK YOU TO BOTH TEAMS OF STAFF!)

*Hiring is almost complete, with a few paraprofessional positions still needing to be filled.

Demonstrate HLWW school communities as the BEST choice for students, staff and residents

*I participated in the Lakers PTA annual meeting and then branched off into building specific PTA groups to build a skeletal “to do list” of family events and ways to support students and staff. I am excited to have the continued support of these growing & energetic groups and look forward to their collaboration. A few of their plans include sponsoring fall and spring mini-grants for classrooms, offering movie and bingo/game nights for families, hosting volunteer work nights, and having a presence at school events throughout the year.

Create and maintain a collaborative culture, focused on learning and results

*I met with Elementary Leadership members to work on opening expectations for students and staff. We also discussed READ Act plans and support, and started working on building specific goals that fall in line with our district goals and vision.

*Welcome Days will be held on September 2-3, in which we host individual conferences with each child & parent team, complete a few initial screening assessments, complete the traditional open house paperwork items, answer questions, and “soft start” students in a way that is comfortable and welcoming.. The opportunity continues to be fruitful and well received by families.. Building strong, positive relationships helps ensure a voice for everyone’s success and progress.