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**Lakewood Local Schools Moving Elementary School to Lancer Road Campus**

***School Will Be Renamed Lakewood Elementary, Hebron Elementary to be Decommissioned***

Beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, the Lakewood Local School District will be moving all Hebron Elementary students (grades K-2) and staff into a building comprised of Jackson Intermediate B and modular structures that will be connected to this existing building. The “new” school will be named Lakewood Elementary School.

The project is underway and was approved by the Lakewood Local Board of Education in March of 2022, with the renaming approved in December 2022. Hebron Elementary School, located at 709 Deacon Street, will be vacated at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

“This move out of the Hebron Elementary building to the Jackson site and Lancer Road campus is the best option for our K-2 students and staff at this time,” said Lakewood School Board President Brittany Misner. “Despite our best efforts, we have been unable to pass a bond issue for a new elementary school several times...the community support has just not been enough to be successful. We believe that this transition will have multiple benefits, from climate-controlled classrooms to better integration among the different schools that make up our wonderful District.”

The addition of the modular structures will provide additional space for our Preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. There will be an enclosed connecting hallway from the main building to the modular structure, which will have eight classrooms, a boys’ restroom, a girls’ restroom, a utility closet and a technology closet off a 10-foot-wide hallway. These modulars are scheduled to be ready by June 1.

“We are very excited to have all Lakewood students together on our Lancer Road campus in buildings that are more accessible, have effective heating and cooling, and have improved instructional space,” added Dr. Mark Gleichauf, Superintendent. “Although the ultimate goal is a new Preschool-5<sup>th</sup> grade elementary school for our community, this provides the best possible alternative until we can pass a bond issue for that school.”

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