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LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Lafayette School Corp. is very excited about some of the opportunities you'll see us offering to students for the 2024-25 school year.

This fall, we are pleased to introduce Dual-Language Immersion. Students will learn in both English and Spanish, spending half their instructional day with a teacher who is a native speaker in each language. We believe that bilingual proficiency will help these students throughout their education and into their future careers.

Vinton Elementary will be on a four-day week, giving families and teachers an extra day of flexibility to meet their families' needs.

And Jefferson High School students will be able to opt into an online learning module, allowing them to monitor their schoolwork and engagement at their own pace.

In this newsletter, you'll find information about registration for the upcoming school year. If your children are returning to LSC, you can update their registration information through PowerSchool. If your child is new to LSC, you'll find information on when you may visit your child's school for in-person registration. The first day of school is Wednesday, Aug. 7 (Friday, July 26, for Oakland Elementary).

Every child learns differently, and we are dedicated to helping all children learn in the way that best suits their and their families' needs. We embody the words of our mission statement: to nurture, inspire and empower – all students, all the time.

Whether you're a parent, a guardian, or another stakeholder in our public schools, I invite you into our school setting so you can see for yourself the quality programming within LSC. We hope that you will serve as ambassadors, working to build the trust and support of the community. Join us and share our values of success, culture, diversity, innovation, engagement and respect.



Sincerely,
Les L. Huddle
 Les L. Huddle, Superintendent

2024-25 SCHOOL CALENDAR

- July**
- 25 First Day for Staff – Oakland Elementary only
- 26 First Day for Students – Oakland Elementary only
- August**
- 5 First Day for Staff – Vinton Elementary
- 6 First Day for Students – Vinton Elementary
- 6 First Day for Staff
- 7 First Day of School for Students
- September**
- 2 No School – Labor Day Holiday
- 11 eLearning Day
- October**
- 11 Last Day of First Quarter
- 14-25 No School - Fall Break, Oakland Elementary
- 21-25 No School - Fall Break
- November**
- 13 eLearning Day
- 27-29 No School – Thanksgiving Holiday
- December**
- 20 Last Day of Second Quarter
- 23 No School – Winter Break begins
- January**
- 6 Students return to school
- 20 No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
- February**
- 5 eLearning Day
- 17 No School – Presidents' Day Holiday
- March**
- 7 Last Day of Quarter Three
- 17-28 No School – Spring Break Oakland Elementary
- 24-28 No School – Spring Break
- April**
- 25 Snow Make-Up Day (if needed)
- May**
- 22 Last Day of School
- 23 Last Day of School, Oakland Elementary

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REGISTRATION 2024-25

As one school year winds down, the new one is just around the corner. **All returning students need to complete an updated registration.** The online registration can be accessed beginning **Monday, July 15**, through the LSC PowerSchool Parent Portal or by scanning the QR code below.

Families of new students will need to visit their school for onsite registration.

Online Registration

Opens July 15

Onsite Registration

Noon-7 p.m. Wednesday, July 24

9 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, July 25

Oakland Elementary

9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday, July 16

Noon-7 p.m. Wednesday, July 17



Parents of returning students having difficulty accessing the online registration Parent Portal may also attend onsite registration for additional help.

Every returning student needs to have a new registration form completed. The process is quick, and the majority of the registration process is confirming information that is already in the system. It is especially important that we have updated contact information for all our students. Registering returning students in advance also helps our schools adjust for class size fluctuations and minimizes disruptive changes to schedules once the school year begins. Thank you in advance to all our LSC families for taking the time to complete these registrations in July.

JHS & TJHS DEVICE DEPLOYMENT

Noon-7 p.m. Wednesday, July 31

Noon- 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 1

9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2

FREE LUNCHES

We are pleased to, once again, be able to offer both breakfast and lunch to all students at no charge. The school breakfast and lunch that we serve follows the U.S. Department of Agriculture guidelines for healthy school meals. This program is funded by the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

LSC will provide school supplies at no cost to all students grades K-6.

2023-24 DISTINGUISHED EDUCATORS

Karen Tharp Occupational Therapist, Linnwood Preschool

Kim Littlefield Administrative Professional, Amelia Earhart Elementary

Kelly Johnston Title I Lead Teacher, Edgelea Elementary

Alexandra Noble Fourth-grade Teacher, Glen Acres Elementary

Alexandra Motsch Special Education Teacher, Miami Elementary

Shali Peterson Special Education Teacher, Miller Elementary

Ashley Pollert Title I Lead Teacher, Murdock Elementary

Erin Hoke Title I Lead Teacher, Oakland Elementary

Camille Rocroi Special Education Teacher, Vinton Elementary

Eliza Talamantes Multilingual Teacher, Sunnyside Intermediate School

Laura Mark Language Arts Teacher, Tecumseh Junior High

Lindsay Nunan English Teacher, Oakland Academy (District Distinguished Educator of the Year)

Michael Dodaro English Teacher, Jefferson High School

SCHOOL START AND DISMISSAL TIMES

The Lafayette School Corporation has made some adjustments to school start and finish times for the upcoming 2024-25 school year. It is the hope that the adjustments will allow for improvements in the LSC transportation service, which will ultimately result in on-time arrival for students, both to school and home. To assist you with planning family routines for the upcoming school year, the adjustments are listed below. Should you have any questions, please contact the principal of the school where your child will attend.

- Elementary: 8:30 a.m. – 3:25 p.m.
- Vinton: 8 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.
- Sunnyside: 9:05 a.m. – 4:05 p.m.
- Jefferson/Tecumseh: 7:40 a.m.-2:45 p.m.

DUAL-LANGUAGE LEARNING

Students entering Kindergarten this fall will have the option of enrolling in the new Dual-Language Program at Edgelea Elementary School. This program, which supports learning in both native English and Spanish, focuses on language acquisition, bilingualism and biliteracy. Studies have shown that bilingual and biliterate students benefit in cognitive development, flexible and abstract thinking, and learning new concepts. LSC is pleased to offer this new program model; this fall, the Kindergarten classroom will open, and the plan is to add a grade level each year. Enrollment will be open at Kindergarten Round-Up.

JHS ONLINE

Jefferson High School will offer an online option for grades nine through 12. Some students continue to need an alternative to in-person classes. Offering an online option eliminates these barriers for some students. Students will have access to a licensed teacher for support; they will need to log in each day JHS is in session for attendance. Students will still be eligible for JHS sports and extra-curricular activities. For more information, parents should contact their student’s counselor.

FOUR-DAY WEEK AT VINTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

This fall, students at Vinton Elementary will observe a four-day school week. Students will attend classes 8 a.m.-3:45 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays. This adjustment comes after careful consideration and planning by both Lafayette School Corp. and Vinton Elementary School administration, aiming to enhance the overall educational experience for our students while promoting a healthy work-life balance for families and staff alike.

Parents who feel this schedule does not align with their needs will have the option to transfer to a different LSC elementary school.

Lafayette School Corp. is thrilled about the opportunities this transition presents for our school community. We believe that the four-day week will not only provide students with enhanced learning experiences but also allow for more meaningful family time and opportunities for extracurricular activities. Together, we are embarking on an exciting journey toward a brighter future for our students and families.

RETIREES

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| Karen Beasley | <i>Fifth-grade STEM Teacher,
Sunnyside Intermediate School
36 years of service</i> | William Huston | <i>Earth Science Teacher, Jefferson High School
39 years of service</i> |
| Sherry Burchett | <i>Technology
25 years of service</i> | Jim Sprouse | <i>Custodian, Jefferson High School
12 years of service</i> |
| Kimberly Emerick | <i>Specialist, G.L.A.S.S.
37.5 years of service</i> | Patrick Skaggs | <i>PE Teacher, Tecumseh Jr. High School
Three years of service</i> |
| Patricia Gerlach | <i>Custodian, Jefferson High School
22 years of service</i> | Teresa Storm | <i>Special Education Teacher,
Jefferson High School
10 years of service</i> |
| Susan Griggs | <i>Eighth-grade Language Arts Teacher,
Tecumseh Jr. High School
25 years of service</i> | Adina Uglow | <i>First-grade Teacher, Edgelea Elementary School
30 years of service</i> |
| Theresa Huston | <i>FACS Teacher, Jefferson High School
37 years of service</i> | Colleen Keefe Warren | <i>Fifth-grade Humanities Teacher,
Sunnyside Intermediate School
36.5 years of service</i> |



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- » **Dr. Alicia Clevenger**
Associate Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
- » **Dr. Katie Reckard**
Assistant Superintendent for Special Education
- » **Dr. Laurie Rinehart**
Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Curriculum & Instruction
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- » **Troy Cloum**
Chief Financial Officer
- » **Scott Howard**
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- » **Li Zhao**
Director of Technology
- » **Jim Scroggin**
Director of Transportation
- » **Chuck Bear**
Director of Facilities
- » **Sherry Mazza**
Director of Health Services
- » **Cindy Gerlach**
Director of Communications & Community Engagement

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

- » **David Moulton**
- » **Dr. Robert Stwalley III, President**
- » **Brent Clemenz**
- » **Ebony Barrett**
- » **Julie Peretin, Vice President**
- » **Steve Bultinck, Secretary**
- » **Chuck Hockema**

BUILDING CONTACT INFO

SCHOOL	ADDRESS	CONTACT
Little Bronchos Preschool	1415 Ball St. 765-588-2388	Meagan Davis
Earhart Grades K-4	3280 S. Ninth St 765-772-4740	Ryan Habben
Edgelea Grades K-4	2910 S. 18 th St 765-772-4780	Ana Ave
Glen Acres Grades K-4	1106 Kensington Dr. 765-771-6150	Megan Hatke
Miami Grades K-4	2401 Beck Lane 765-772-4800	Amanda Henry
Miller Grades K-4	700 S. Fourth St 765-476-2930	Erin Phillips
Murdock Grades K-4	2100 Cason St 765-771-6120	Denise DesEnfants
Oakland Grades K-4	611 S. 21 st St 765-771-6130	Debbie Patterson
Vinton Grades K-4	3101 Elmwood Ave 765-771-6140	Cindy Preston
Sunnyside Intermediate Grades 5-6	530 N. 26 th St 765-771-6100	Matt Brown
Tecumseh Jr. High Grades 7-8	2101 S. 18 th St 765-772-4750	Leo Leffert
Jefferson High Grades 9-12	1801 S. 18 th St 765-772-4700	Mark Preston
Oakland Academy Grades 9-12	1100 Elizabeth St 765-807-8550	Kathryn Parthun