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## **A JOYFUL AND STEADY START: LIBERTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT LAUNCHES 2025–2026 SCHOOL YEAR WITH CONFIDENCE AND CONNECTION**

**Buckeye, AZ (August 4, 2025)** — The energy was high, the smiles were everywhere, and the sense of stability and calmness was unmistakable as Liberty Elementary School District (LESD) welcomed students back for the first day of the 2025–2026 school year.

Led by Interim Superintendent Trevor McDonald, the district kicked off the new academic year with a strong sense of purpose and community. Across all campuses, students were greeted by enthusiastic teachers and supportive staff, setting the tone for what promises to be a year of learning, connection, and growth.

"Today was everything a first day should be — positive, smooth, and full of hope," said Interim Superintendent Trevor McDonald.

"The Liberty community is grounded in strength and heart. Our teachers and leaders created welcoming, joyful spaces, and it was clear from the very first bell that our students are in great hands."

At Rainbow Valley Elementary School, Principal Julie Licea shared her excitement:

"There was a genuine feeling of unity and readiness today," Licea said.

"From the moment students stepped on campus, there was a buzz in the air — staff were focused, students were engaged, and families were smiling. It was a great, great day."

With a renewed commitment to consistency, collaboration, and student-first decisions, McDonald emphasized that LESD is poised to move forward with confidence.

"We're focused on the right things — strong academics, safe campuses, and a supportive culture for students and staff," McDonald added. "I'm honored to be back in a district that means so much to me and to help guide LESD through this important transition."

Liberty Elementary School District remains committed to academic excellence, inclusive practices, and community partnership as it embarks on this new school year.

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## **About LESD25**

Founded in 1887, the Liberty Elementary School District No. 25 spans 285 square miles including rural and suburban settings. It has grown from a historic one-room schoolhouse, to seven kindergarten through eighth grade schools between Buckeye and Goodyear, educating more than 4,500 students. Each school is tailored to serve students based on their interests through unique signature programs. LESD25 prepares all students for success in high school and beyond with engaging and challenging learning environments. Through individual accomplishment, personal leadership, and contribution to their community, children flourish. Discover more at [liberty25.org](http://liberty25.org).

*Provide an environment that guarantees all students learn at a high level.*

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