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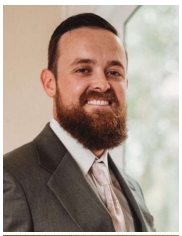
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Lakewood Local School District Welcomes New Staff and Transitions Roles for Others for 2025-26 School Year, Including Two Administrative Hires

Lakewood Local School District has welcomed several new staff members for the 2025-26 school year, including two administrative hires/role transitions. The district has hired a total of 24 new employees, and transitioned roles for 8 others.

The district's new administrative hires/role transitions are:





- **Daniel Fox** – The district has hired Daniel Fox as the assistant principal for Lakewood High School. Dan has taught for nine years in the public-school system, most recently as an English teacher at Amanda-Clearcreek High School. He was approved by the Lakewood Board of Education at its regular meeting on July 9.
- **Sarah Perez-Gutierrez** – The district has hired Sarah Perez-Gutierrez as the Director of Transportation. Sarah was formerly the assistant director and has stepped into this new role since the retirement of Bonita Jenkins.

In addition, Lakewood announced the hiring of new Athletic Director, Jamie Justus, in April.

The district's additional new hires are:

- Melissa Bennett – JIS Secretarial Aide
- Gabe Blanc – LMS PM Custodian
- Genie Bragg – PreSchool Intervention Aide
- Danielle Brokaw – JIS School Health Aide
- Taylor Conaway – JIS/5th Grade Teacher
- Brooke Forsythe – Preschool Intervention Aide
- Melinda Fown – Cashier
- Tricia Frye – LHS Science
- Tosha Gotschall – Bus Driver
- Rachel Hatley – LMS Career Connections
- Brad Hickman – LES PM Custodian
- Jennifer Hupp – Bus Driver
- Laura Klotz – Bus Driver
- Andrew Lanning – LHS Science
- Mike Lawson – LHS Engineering Technology
- Andrea LeFevre – JIS/3rd Grade Teacher
- Taylor Lohr – LMS PM Custodian
- McKenzie Milligan – JIS/3rd Grade Teacher
- Sophia Miller – LES Intervention Specialist
- Tena Singleton – Bus Driver/Mail Route
- Brianna Stewart – LES/Kindergarten Teacher
- Sydney Wycinski – LMS/8th Grade Science Teacher

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The following employees also transitioned roles within the district:

- Ashley Baker – LES Intervention Specialist
- Greg Clouse – Maintenance
- Katie Cox – LES Clinic Aide
- Stephanie Kerze – LMS Intervention Specialist
- Shanna Lasure – LHS Mid-Shift Custodian
- Chuck Mays – LES Head Custodian
- Dennis Neel – LHS Head Custodian

“This year, we welcomed many new team members across the district, including several new administrators and operational staff,” said Superintendent Scott Coffey. “I am excited by their individual backgrounds, skills, and aspirations for the future of Lakewood Schools. I’ve already seen some wonderful moments from them and am confident that these educators and professionals will do their utmost to support our students, staff, and community as we move forward together.”

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