



Superintendent's Report to the Board of Trustees

January 22, 2026

Virginia Castro, Superintendent

Superintendent's Office



January is School Board Appreciation Month, and we want to extend our sincere gratitude to our Board of Trustees for their dedication, leadership, and commitment to serving our students, families, and staff

A dark blue graphic with yellow and light blue brushstroke accents. At the top left is the Lawn Dale Elementary School District logo. Below it, the text "Board of Trustees" is written in a large, white, sans-serif font. Five circular portraits of the trustees are arranged in two rows. Each portrait is accompanied by the person's name and title in a white, sans-serif font.

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The Southwest SELPA proudly celebrates the 50th anniversary of the **Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)**, a landmark law that ensures students with disabilities receive **free, appropriate public education** tailored to their unique needs.



Evaluation Update

Our prospective date to host our Board Evaluation and Superintendent mid-year check-in has tentatively changed to either Saturday February 21st or Saturday.

Human Resources



Current LESD Employment Opportunities

Certificated	Classified
	Student Supervision Assistant Campus Supervisor Preschool Instructional Assistant

Please Apply @ EDJOIN.ORG
OR
@ www.lawndalesd.net "Career" Tab



Business- Marquees and Signage



School Signage at Entrance



Digital Marquees (All Sites)

Business- New Scoreboard



Bollinger Gym @ Rogers Middle School

- New scoreboard installed on Jan. 12
- Will be used for athletic events

Business- Governor's 26-27 Budget Proposal



Summary:

- No cuts to funding
- COLA: 2.41%
- Restoring funding for Learning Recovery Block Grant (\$757M)
- Student Support Discretionary Block Grant (\$2.8B)
- Increased SPED Funding

Concerns:

- Prop 98 not fully funded, Governor is withholding \$5.6B
- LAO (Legislative Analyst's Office) thinks the Governor is overly optimistic and thinks the deficit for 2026-27 is \$18B, not \$3B.
- Will have a better picture during May revision budget



Business- Next Step for Bond

- Board resolution presented to Board in February.
- Estimated tax rate: \$30 per \$100,000 of assessed value
- No projected increase to current tax rates (based on current assumptions)
- Amount: \$42,000,000
- June 2 ballot



Business- Refinance of Existing Bonds

- Met with the district's bond advisor to review potential refinancing of existing bond issuances.
- Purpose of the review is to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars and reduce long-term debt costs.
- Based on current interest rates, refinancing could result in approximately \$1 million in savings over about 20 years.
- Staff will continue to analyze the opportunity and return to the Board with recommendations if refinancing is fiscally prudent.

