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April 14, 2026

Dear Lake Station Families,

I am writing to inform you about the status of the Lake Station Boys and Girls Club located at the former Polk Elementary School. We are aware that there has been discussion on social media regarding this situation. To ensure our families have clear and accurate information, we are sharing the following details.

Before the Boys and Girls Club moved into Polk School, an agreement was made for the organization to use the building, pay a small monthly rental fee, and eventually purchase the building from Lake Station Schools. After several leadership changes, the current CEO chose not to move forward with the original agreement to purchase the building.

Lake Station Schools then had the building appraised, with values coming in at over one million dollars. The district offered to sell Polk School to the Boys and Girls Club for significantly less than the appraised value. The Boys and Girls Club declined this offer and stated they do not plan to purchase the building in the future.

After careful consideration, Lake Station Schools placed the building on the market to see if there is interest from other buyers. Polk School has been listed for about three months. The Boys and Girls Club has been, and continues to be, welcome to remain in the building. If a buyer is found, arrangements would be made to allow the Boys and Girls Club to stay through the end of the school year, with the new owner taking possession after that time.

On Thursday, April 9, 2026, I was notified by the Boys and Girls Club that they plan to leave Polk School at the end of the current school year. The reason given was the cost of utilities. This decision will result in the closure of the Lake Station Boys and Girls Club, which has served the community at various locations since 2001.

Lake Station Schools understands the importance of after-school care and enrichment opportunities for our students and families. We are committed to exploring options and working with community partners to help identify alternative programs and supports moving forward. Additional information will be shared as it becomes available.

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