

# Superintendent of Schools Report to the Board

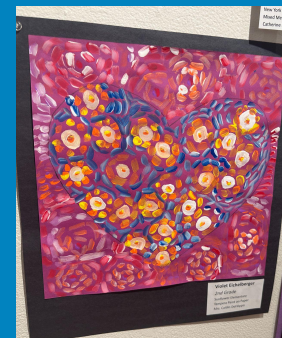
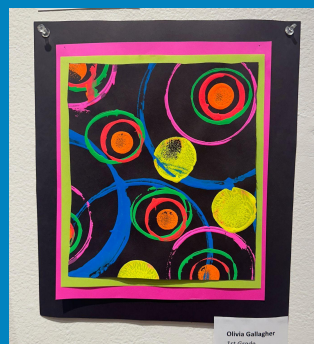
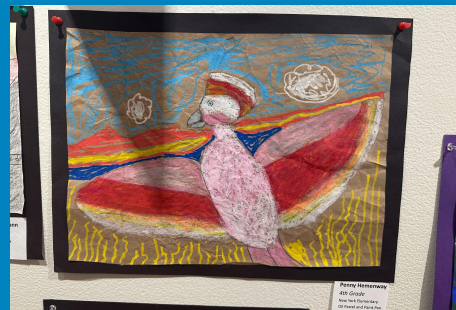
April 27, 2026

*Jessica Kerr Swift*

# 2026 USD 497 Student Art Exhibition and Vanguard Awards

Exhibition on view at the **Lawrence Arts Center** through May 9th.





# Kansas Teacher of the Year Regional Recognition



Amanda Carlson, Lawrence  
Elementary Teacher of the Year  
from **Cordley Elementary**, was  
recognized at the Region 2  
Kansas Teacher of the Year  
Banquet.



# Foundation Legacy Award



**Lawrence Schools Foundation** was honored with a **2026 Jayhawk Performance Legacy Member Award** by KU Department of Health, Sport, and Exercise Sciences.



# Lied Center IMPACT Award

**Lawrence High School** educator

**Mike Jones** is this year's recipient of the Lied Center IMPACT Award.



# Bloom 'n Zoom Fun Run

We hosted our **1st annual Bloom 'n Zoom Fun Run/Walk** staff wellness event



# Kindergarten Orientation

Elementary schools welcomed future kindergartners & their families to meet school staff, see classrooms, & have fun!



# Prairie Park Culture Day

**Prairie Park Elementary** learned about Native American culture, thanks to visitors from **Haskell University & Native American Student Services**



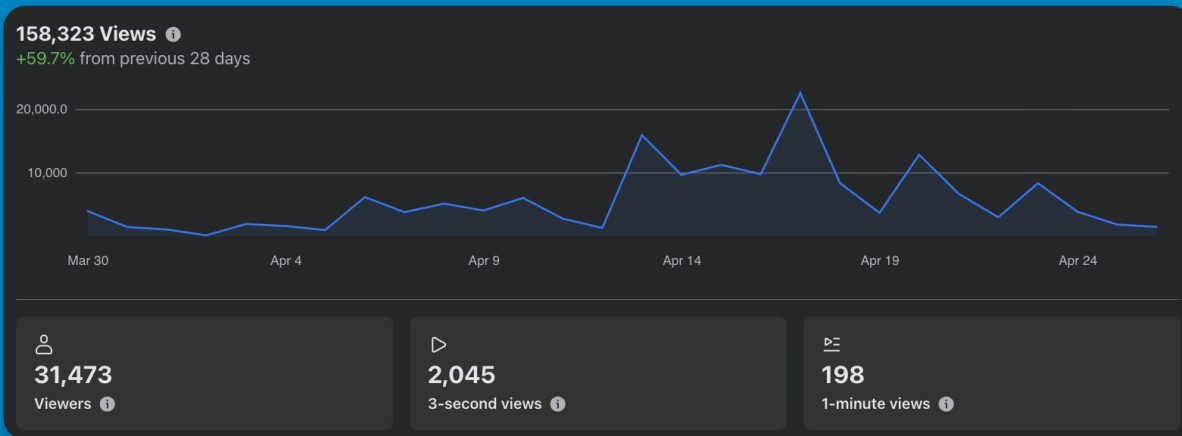
# Lawrence High School CTE Expo

Lawrence High School CTE Innovation Expo showcased hands-on, real-world learning across diverse pathways, preparing students for future careers.



# Communications Analytics

- Views: 96K → 158K
- Engagement: 5.7K → 15K
- More consistent, high-performing content



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Come support our Community Connections students, whose work will be on display at Lucia (1016 Massachusetts St, Lawrence, K... in this year's Community Connections at Pi...  
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**COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS @ PINCKNEY**  
**STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION**

Event Details:  
**April 24**  
5 PM - 7 PM  
**Lucia**  
1016 Massachusetts, Lawrence  
Photos will be on display



# 2025-26 Graduations

## Class of 2026



- **Community Transition (C-Tran) - Friday, May 15** (9 a.m.)  
at Community Connections at Pinckney
- **Project SEARCH - Friday, May 15th** (10:30 a.m.)  
at Community Connections at Pinckney
- **Lawrence Virtual School - Saturday, May 16th** (1 p.m.)  
at Free State High School (Auditorium)
- **Free State High School - Tuesday, May 19th** (7 p.m.)  
at Allen Fieldhouse
- **Lawrence High School - Wednesday, May 20th** (7 p.m.)  
at LHS Football Stadium
- **Adult Education - Thursday, May 28th** (7 p.m.)  
at Lawrence College and Career Center



# Important Dates



- **Monday, May 4 – Friday, May 8**  
👩🏫❤️ **Teacher Appreciation Week**

- **Tuesday, May 5**  
🍏 Teacher Appreciation Day

- **Monday, May 11 (6:00 PM)**  
🏫 **Board of Education Meeting @ ESC**

