



Superintendent of Schools Report to the Board

March 23, 2026

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Sunflower State Spelling Bee

Maci Perrins, a 7th grader at
Southwest Middle School:

- Tied for 4th place at the State Spelling Bee.
- Also a 4-time consecutive winner of Douglas County Spelling Bee.



Pictured: Maci Perrins competes for the 4th consecutive year at the State Spelling Bee.

Prairie Park Olympics

Prairie Park Elementary brought the Winter Olympic Games to their school during Physical Education & Art class.

- **PE Teacher Mike Martin** had Bobcats compete in Olympics-themed events like bobsledding, figure skate relay, curling, & airless air hockey.
- **Art Teacher Randa Lewis's** classes made torches & an Olympic ring mural.



Liberty Memorial Central Career Day

During Career Day at **Liberty Memorial Central Middle School**, students heard presentations from local professionals & classmates.

Visitors included:

- Archaeologist
- Nurse Practitioner
- USPS manager
- Photographer
- Social Worker
- Biology Professor
- Lawrence KS Police Dept. Professionals



Free State High School: DECA State Results

11 students from **Free State High School** competed at the **DECA State Conference**.

- **Neel Sabarwal** - 1st, Personal Financial Literacy
- **Allen Shao** - 1st, Principles of Finance
- **Ruth Yang** - 2nd, Principles of Business Management
- **Carter Dinges** - 4th, Principles of Finance
- **Grace Mosconi** - 5th, Principles of Entrepreneurship
- **Dale He** - 5th, Principles of Finance

Congrats Business Teacher Kimberly Hawks
& the FSHS DECA team!



State Chess Championship



K-12 Division:

- **Dwight Souders**, LHS – 6th
- **Guthrie Bricker**, LHS – 36th

K-8 Division:

- **Aditya Nagarajan**, SWMS – 45th

K-5 Division:

- **Anika Kumbhare**, Langston – 15th

K-3 Division:

- **Sam Jordan**, Cordley – 16th
- **Ansh Kumbhare**, Langston – 29th
- **Hunter Burghart**, Prairie Park – 45th
- **Teddy Elliott**, Cordley – 58th
- **Beck Kells**, Prairie Park – 59th
- **Aiden Foster**, Prairie Park – 69th
- **Coralynn Johnson**, Cordley – 70th
- **Etta Killan**, Prairie Park – 72nd
- **Rohan Khan** – 74th
- **Elyana Khan** – 75th

Community Connections at Pinckney: Career Exploration

Community Connections at Pinckney hosted Lawrence students for a hands-on career exploration experience with **Project SEARCH**.

- Project SEARCH, LMH, & KU coordinators helped students practice workplace skills.
- 5 current interns also guided students & shared their Project SEARCH experiences.



Langston Hughes Input

Connected with staff members & families at **Langston Hughes Elementary** about upcoming building renovations.



3rd Quarter Communications

Since the start of 2026, we have:

- Shared **over 100 communications** via our website/social pages
- Received **650,000+ total views**
- Received **45,000+ views & 685 interactions** on our top-performing post
- Maintained strong open rates for direct superintendent messaging



Important Dates



- **Monday, Apr. 13 (6:00 PM)**
Board of Education Meeting @ ESC
- **Friday, Apr. 17**
EC-HS No School & Buildings Closed to Public
- **Wednesday, Apr. 23**
New Kindergarten Orientation Day
Current Kindergartners No School

