

ANNUAL REPORT

Calcasieu Parish School Board



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SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS



**PHYLLIS
AYO**

Election District 11



**SHAWN
BAUMGARTEN**

Election District 15



**BILLY
BREAU**

Election District 13



**RUSSELL
CASTILLE**

Election District 12



**MARY "SISTER"
FONTENOT**

Election District 4



**GLEND
GAY**

Election District 3



**DAMON
HARDESTY**

Election District 9



**KAREN HARDY
McREYNOLDS**

Election District 2



**AARON
NATALI**

Election District 1



**TONY
O'BANION**

Election District 10



**PATRICK
PICHON**

Election District 5



**DEAN
ROBERTS**

Election District 6



**ERIC
TARVER**

Election District 8



**DESMOND
WALLACE**

Election District 14



**DR. BETTY
WASHINGTON**

Election District 7

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

To our families, faculty, staff, and stakeholders,

Every year brings new challenges, opportunities, and accomplishments, but what remains constant is the dedication of the people within the Calcasieu Parish School Board family. Our students, employees, families, and community partners continue to show what is possible when we work together with a shared commitment to learning and growth.

This year, we had the privilege of witnessing remarkable achievements across our district. From classrooms and campuses to athletic fields, stages, and community events, our students continued to excel and make us proud. Their success is a testament to the support they receive from caring teachers, support staff, administrators, and families who invest in them every day.

Perhaps one of the most encouraging signs was the continued growth in student enrollment. For the fourth consecutive year, more families chose Calcasieu Parish schools, resulting in our largest enrollment increase in recent years. This growth is meaningful because it reflects the confidence families have in the educational experiences available in our schools. While we celebrate these accomplishments, we also remain focused on the work ahead.

Our mission of Building Foundations for the Future requires us to continually look forward and seek new ways to meet the needs of students. In the coming year, we will continue expanding unique opportunities that help students discover their passions and prepare for life beyond graduation. We want every student to have access to experiences that inspire and challenge them.

We will also remain committed to improving student achievement in reading and mathematics. These foundational skills open doors to future success, and we will continue making investments to help every student grow. Additionally, we will place an increased emphasis on student attendance. Consistent attendance directly impacts academic success, and we will continue working alongside families to ensure students are present, engaged, and ready to learn each day.

The accomplishments highlighted in this report remind us that progress is not measured solely by scores and statistics. It can also be seen in the student who discovers a love of learning, the teacher who goes the extra mile, the family that chooses our schools, and the community that continues to support public education.

Thank you for your trust, your partnership, and your unwavering commitment to our district. Together, we are building strong foundations that will support generations to come, and I am excited about what the future holds for our district.




DR. JASON VANMETRE
CPSB SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



OUR MISSION

Building Foundations for the Future

OUR VISION

Alignment | Ownership | Streaming | Technology | Work Ethic |
Innovation | Critical Thinking | Creativity

STRATEGIC FOCUS AREAS



Prioritize student learning, development, and achievement



Strengthen teacher experience and pipelines



Enhance existing and new resources



Boost collaboration and engagement



DISTRICT ACHIEVEMENTS

Once again, the Calcasieu Parish School Board surpassed the state in academic performance during the 2025-2026 school year, showing particularly significant gains at the middle school level. The district's score of 87.2 did show a slight decrease from the previous year's 87.5, but the district maintained its B letter grade while showing great strides in schools across the parish. The district's score was over six points ahead of the state's score of 80.9. Nearly 94% of CPSB students attend an A, B, or C school. In the progress component of the state accountability system, all schools earned a C or better, with 53 (96%) of those schools earning an A or B. Of CPSB's top 10 schools in overall growth, six were middle schools. In addition, seven schools improved letter grades, four of which were middle schools. The district saw 31 schools earn Top Gains status, up from 18 the previous year, and ten schools were named Opportunity Honorees, up from four the previous year. Eight schools in the district earned both, an increase over just five from the 2024-2025 school year.

Calcasieu Parish School Board students produced another year of growth for the district in LEAP performance. This year's results exhibited a two-point growth in third through twelfth grade students performing at or above grade level, putting the district six points above the state average. W.T. Henning Elementary School led the district in overall school growth, improving its previous performance by 14 points. Following with an eight-point growth were R.W. Vincent Elementary School and Westlake High School, marking the second consecutive year R.W. Vincent has been one of CPSB's top growing schools. In overall performance, T.S. Cooley Elementary Magnet School was the district's top-performing elementary school, while Moss Bluff Middle School claimed the title at the middle school level, and Sam Houston High School at the high school level.

The district experienced the largest enrollment increase seen in recent years. The number of K-12 students enrolled with the Calcasieu Parish School Board is on the rise for the fourth consecutive year. Figures show that 27,449 K-12 students were enrolled in CPSB schools at the beginning of the year, an increase of nearly 400 students from the same time the previous year. The growth reflects not only an upward trend over the past four years but also an increase from the final enrollment count at the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

As the new school year began, the district unveiled a rebrand of its College Street Vocational Center and Westlake T&I campuses, moving away from the "vocational" label and toward a stronger, more accurate identity under the umbrella of CPSB Career and Technical Education Centers. For decades, the campuses carried many informal names, leading to a lack of clear identity. The district wanted one unified brand that not only modernizes the image of these campuses but also positioned them to better attract students from all backgrounds. The rebranding effort was shaped collaboratively by district and school administrators, teachers, students, and parent committees. The shared goal was to present the campuses as places for all students, not just those pursuing traditional trades. More college-bound students are exploring career and technical education programs to complement their academic pathways, and district leaders hope the refreshed identity will accelerate this trend.

Three separate bond propositions were passed across the district, impacting the Starks, Southwest Lake Charles, LeBleu Settlement, and Iowa communities. The construction process on those campuses will begin soon, as the district expands opportunities and space for these students, teachers, and staff. The district did experience a bond failure in the Sulphur community, but efforts are underway to bring the proposition back before voters.



DISTRICT ACHIEVEMENTS

OF THE YEAR WINNERS

STUDENTS



Catherine Harrison
Western Heights
Elementary



Caroline Harrison
S.P. Arnett Middle



Kathryn Armentor
Iowa High

TEACHERS



Kayla Armentor
Dolby Elementary



Sara Logan
S.P. Arnett Middle



Nelkika Colquitt
LaGrange High

PRINCIPALS



Brandi Trahan
W.T. Henning
Elementary



Angela Guillory
Moss Bluff Middle



Patrick Fontenot
Barbe High

LIBRARIANS



Carol Womack
Dolby Elementary



Carla Craddock
LeBlanc Middle



Kelli Richard
LaGrange High

COUNSELORS



Karen Sullivan
Nelson Elementary



Angela Celestine
S.J. Welsh Middle



Hope Berry
Iowa High

SUPPORT PERSON



Krista O'Quain
Vincent Settlement
Elementary



Latasha Traylor
Moss Bluff Middle



Tracie Jarrell
LaGrange High

NEW TEACHER



Courtney Ciesla
Maplewood Elementary

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HONOREES

Our district was proudly represented at the state level with Student of the Year finalists Catherine Harrison and Caroline Harrison, Outstanding Support Employee of the Year finalist Krista O'Quain, and Principal of the Year semifinalist Angela Guillory.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

As we look back on the 2025-2026 school year, we are proud to showcase the accomplishments, initiatives, and moments of growth that took place across our district. These achievements reflect the dedication of our students, staff, families, and community partners who work together to support student success and strengthen our schools.

The following pages provide a look at the programs, advancements, and milestones that shaped this year. We invite you to celebrate the progress made throughout our district and the continued commitment to providing meaningful opportunities for every student.





ACCOUNTABILITY & ASSESSMENTS

STATE TESTING AND REPORTING

Throughout the year, 54 schools navigated challenges with unreliable testing platforms while continuing to provide students with opportunities to demonstrate their learning. The Assessment and Accountability Department supported to 61 sites across 15 platforms, managing 23 state testing windows and eight state data cleanup and audit windows to ensure accurate and timely reporting.

LITERACY AND NUMERACY SCREENERS

Elementary schools successfully administered state-mandated literacy and numeracy screeners to approximately **9,000 students** three times throughout the year: beginning-of-year, middle-of-year, and end-of-year assessments. In addition, schools administered English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies spring LEAP assessments to more than **6,530 students** in grades 3-5, while continuing end-of-year literacy and numeracy screening efforts.

GRADUATION COHORT EXIT CODE REVIEWS

High schools continued to demonstrate strong practices in accurately exiting students and maintaining required documentation. These efforts resulted in a significant reduction in the number of students requiring Graduation Cohort Exit Code Review, decreasing from 186 students in 2021 to 55 students in 2026.



ADVANCED STUDIES

REACH PROGRAM

118 students participated in REACH classes across the district. The REACH program provides enrichment opportunities for high-potential students from underrepresented populations, focusing on critical thinking, analytical reasoning, vocabulary development, and experiential learning. Upon completion of the program, 75% of participants qualified for referral to Pupil Appraisal for Gifted Evaluation, making REACH a critical child-find initiative for the district.

GIFTED PROGRAM

Gifted SPARK students across the district participated in projects designed to promote creativity, kindness, and service. Students engaged in hands-on learning experiences, including behind-the-scenes exploration of theater productions, creating kindness displays for local senior living centers, designing mental health awareness resources, developing activities for pediatric patients, and collecting donations for community organizations and animal shelters.

TALENTED ART

Talented Art programming expanded access through 2nd and 3rd grade batch screenings at multiple schools, with more than **1,300 students** participating in this child-find initiative. Two Sulphur High School students were selected for the 10th Annual LSU Juried Exhibition, earning recognition among hundreds of student entries statewide. Additionally, Talented Art III and IV students partnered with the Children's Museum of Southwest Louisiana to create handcrafted pieces for the Sunny's Market exhibit.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Advanced Placement (AP) programming also continued to grow, with **77% of AP students earning a score of 3 or higher** on the May 2025 exams, compared to 62.7% in 2024. Increased student interest led to expanded AP course offerings across high school campuses, and 20 CPSB teachers participated in College Board AP Summer Institute training in 25 AP courses to support continued growth in college-readiness opportunities.



CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

354

STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN
DUAL ENROLLMENT THROUGH
MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY

10

SENIORS EARNED THEIR
MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY
ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE

32

STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN
SOWELA STEPS PROGRAM

88%

OF CTEC WEST WELDING SENIORS
HIRED BY BECHTEL DIRECTLY OUT
OF HIGH SCHOOL

6,900+

INDUSTRY-BASED
CERTIFICATIONS CARRIED BY
9-12TH GRADE STUDENTS

#1

BROADCAST PROGRAM IN STATE
AWARDED BY THE LOUISIANA
SCHOLASTIC PRESS ASSOCIATION

CAREER COACHES

Career Coaches continue to expand opportunities for students by providing college and career readiness support across CPSB schools, helping students connect their interests and skills to future pathways. During the 2025-2026 school year, Career Coaches served students districtwide through classroom presentations, individual guidance sessions, and career planning activities, reaching **more than 5,200 students**. Coaches also provided **695 follow-up visits** to support personalized education and career goals.

SENIOR ACCESS INITIATIVE

The launch of the new Senior Access initiative provided **699 seniors** with individualized support in completing college applications, FAFSA submissions, ACT registration, and resume development. In addition, **96 seniors** were recognized during the 2026 CTE College Signing Day as they committed to college, technical training, military service, and workforce opportunities.

CHILD WELFARE & ATTENDANCE



DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Out-of-Zone applications transitioned from a paper-based process to an online platform, creating a more convenient and efficient experience.
- CPSB's chronic absenteeism remains below the state average at 24%.
- Total student enrollment increased by 1.4% during the 2025-2026 school year.
- CPSB maintained an average daily attendance rate of 93% during the 2025-2026 school year, while continuing efforts to increase student attendance and engagement.

EARLY CHILDHOOD



- Program quality continued to improve across the network, with 86.4% of sites rated Proficient or above and 32% reaching High Proficient or higher. The overall performance score increased from 4.97 in 2024 to 5.05 in 2025, reflecting steady growth in instructional quality and consistency.
- The network served 2,036 publicly funded children, an increase of 153 from the previous year. During the same period, 269 more children were placed in high-quality settings, while placements in lower-quality settings decreased by 44%.
- The network also advanced several key strategic initiatives, including the implementation of a comprehensive professional development system designed to strengthen instructional practice. In addition, the Calcasieu Early Childhood Resource Center was launched, offering free instructional materials, training, and family engagement opportunities across the parish.

ELEMENTARY DEPARTMENT



Over the past three years, the percentage of students leaving kindergarten on grade level in literacy increased from 54% in 23-24 to 58% in 24-25 and reached 64% in 25-26. With an average enrollment of 2,200 students, this 10-percentage-point gain represents approximately 220 additional students achieving grade-level readiness by the end of kindergarten.

158 teachers completed required literacy and numeracy training. This accomplishment reflects a commitment to continuous professional growth and to ensuring educators are equipped to meet the needs of all students.

Elementary Department staff completed 966 on-site visits. These visits demonstrate the department's commitment to collaboration, responsiveness to school needs, and providing timely, meaningful support to campuses throughout the year.



FEDERAL PROGRAMS

EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT
2025-2026 SCHOOL/SITES SERVED

31 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
6 MIDDLE SCHOOLS
3 HIGH SCHOOLS
9 NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS
4 NEGLECTED AND DELINQUENT SITES



BY THE NUMBERS

- Supported **865+** English Language Learners
- **1840** AP tests administered
- Purchased **1,300+** books for literacy events at 9 elementary schools

PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED

Title I, II, III, IV, VII,
Foster Care, SAPE,
Neglected and
Delinquent



GRANTS



\$1,647,234

CLSD K-12th Grade literacy grant: CIR schools to build capacity of literacy coaches, improve teacher practice, and increase literacy outcomes for children

\$40,000

Computer Science Technology Assistance Grant (CSTAG): Provides funds to support implementation of Louisiana K-12 Computer Science Education Plan

\$886,602

Education Excellence Fund: professional learning, Principal Fellowship tuition, literacy supplies & technology

\$628,094

HC Drew Estate: 72 High School, Middle School & Elementary School grants awarded

\$1,209,545

High Dosage Tutoring: Tutoring for K-5 students

\$26,000

LCSS Safe Schools: CPAS East Security Vestibule

\$10,666

Louisiana Retention and Recruitment

\$769,656

Redesign 1003A: Evidenced based strategies for CIR Schools



HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

1,808

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

5,128

COLLEGE COURSES COMPLETED

12,384

COLLEGE CREDITS EARNED

CPSB students earned more than 1,800 additional college credits compared to last year.

INTERNAL AUDITING

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Facilitated the transition of security guard and officials payments to the Arbiter System, eliminating CPSB's responsibility for IRS 1099 reporting, reducing administrative workload, and providing faster, more secure payment processing
- Added enhanced controls to the SAF for school credit cards and launched a pilot program at two high schools and one middle school. Credit cards are designated for travel-related and emergency expenses
- Successfully implemented Amazon Business as the district's preferred purchasing platform. Spending increased from \$615,000 (January–May 2025) to \$828,000 (January–May 2026), reducing employee reimbursements, streamlining purchasing processes for schools and departments, and generating thousands of dollars in savings and rebates



LIBRARY SERVICES



831,131

PHYSICAL BOOKS CIRCULATED

500,940

ACCELERATED READER
QUIZZES TAKEN



20,000+

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS PURCHASED

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS



28,324

STUDENT RECORDS MAINTAINED

4,851

STAFF RECORDS MAINTAINED

4,059

ECONOMIC SURVEYS PROCESSED

\$913,275

ADDITIONAL MFP FUNDING FROM
ECONOMIC SURVEYS

- Implemented JCampus Performance, a data platform that enables student standards tracking, real-time progress monitoring, standardized assessment goal setting, and School Performance Score (SPS) projections
- Continued collaboration with the Mid-City Project of Lake Charles through data-sharing efforts supporting the city's \$50 million grant initiative to revitalize the Lloyd Oaks and Barbe Elementary areas

MEDIA CENTER/PRINT SHOP



30,000+ completed orders throughout the district

The Print Shop continued to provide high-quality, professional-grade print materials for the district. Through WebCRD 12.0, the district's web-to-print platform, one in three teachers and administrators utilized Print Shop services for their printing needs.

On average, more than 75,000 sheets were printed each day, totaling over 17 million sheets during the past year.





MIDDLE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT



Seven of the eleven middle schools were recognized as Top Gains Honorees. This distinction is awarded to schools demonstrating exceptional growth in student performance, reflecting achievement at a level comparable to an “A” on statewide accountability measures.



Caroline Harrison of S.P. Arnett Middle was named a State Finalist for Student of the Year, and Angela Guillory of Moss Bluff Middle was recognized as a State Semifinalist for Principal of the Year. This achievement marks the fourth consecutive year our district has celebrated a state-level finalist.



Six of CPSB's top ten schools for overall growth were middle schools, including the school that achieved the highest growth in the district, Vinton Middle. These results reflect the strong leadership and high-quality instruction driving student success across CPSB middle schools.



NURSING



DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- **29,600** encounters providing daily medication to students while also caring for, educating, and managing those with chronic medical conditions
- **20,500** encounters delivering first aid, nursing assessments, and medical interventions
- **75,900** encounters conducting screenings including hearing, vision, and scoliosis assessments, reviewing health forms and immunization records, and offering lessons on hygiene, dental care, lice prevention, and breast self-exams

PAYROLL



5,500+

EMPLOYEES ON MONTHLY PAYROLL

\$18 MILLION+

MONTHLY PAYROLL AMOUNT

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Our dedicated staff is committed to providing excellent customer service to all of our employees. Our duties include:

- Processing an average of 50 payrolls annually, including Workers' Compensation, special payrolls, substitutes, and monthly payrolls
- Collecting and reporting all employee deductions
- Oversight of all employee absences at the school and district level

PERSONNEL



A job fair was hosted at the West Cal Arena and Event Center in Summer 2025.



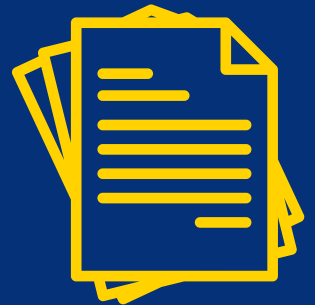
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new hires during the
2025-2026 school year



9,075

online job applications submitted



Over 629 certification
applications processed

PUBLIC INFORMATION

SOCIAL MEDIA GROWTH



10%

GROWTH IN FACEBOOK
FOLLOWERS



18%

GROWTH IN INSTAGRAM
FOLLOWERS



11.4%

GROWTH IN LINKEDIN
FOLLOWERS

NATIONAL RECOGNITION

We are proud to announce that 11 awards from the National School Public Relations Association came home to Calcasieu. These awards recognize a variety of publications and digital media projects created by staff during the school year, and this year's total marks the highest number of awards ever earned by the district. The department earned Awards of Excellence in the categories of News Release, Annual Report, and Video Produced In-House. Additionally, awards were won in the categories of Newsletter, Photo, and Writing.



NEWS MEDIA RELATIONS

275

INTERACTIONS WITH
JOURNALISTS

550

MENTIONS BY NEWS
AGENCIES

21

PRESS RELEASES
DISTRIBUTED

19

MEDIA ADVISORIES
ISSUED

CRISIS COMMUNICATIONS

The Public Information Department coordinated messaging for 22 school security-related incidents and five crisis-related early dismissals and school closures. This coordination includes supporting school-level administrators in disseminating messages or direct dissemination by the Public Information Officer.

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

The Public Information Department solicited 224 Cheer from Peer submissions and distributed 10 employee newsletters. In addition, 1,232 CPSB job applicants noted they learned about current openings through Facebook, LinkedIn, or Indeed, all channels managed by this department.

ELECTION SUPPORT

The Public Information Department spearheaded communications for four separate bond propositions in Iowa/LeBleu Settlement, Southwest Lake Charles, Starks, and Sulphur. This included the creation of a robust communications plan to support administrators in the election efforts. Three of the four successfully passed.

PUPIL APPRAISAL



DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

The Pupil Appraisal Department provided:

- Over **1,000 initial** evaluations for students suspected of having a disabling condition
- Over **350 evaluations** of students suspected of qualifying for the gifted program
- Reevaluations of **1,400 students** with disabilities
- Counseling services to around **150 students** through their IEP services
- Social work services to students enrolled in elementary alternative programs
- 504 evaluations, annual meetings, and screenings for **over 1,000 students**
- Coordinated and provided **300 trainings** for Nonviolent Crisis Intervention
- Approximately **200 dyslexia screenings** for third-grade students in response to Act 422, including the implementation of new test materials

RISK MANAGEMENT

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

The Walk to Wellness program was successfully launched across all schools and departments during the 2025-2026 school year. The program encourages employees to track and submit their weekly steps through their site health leads, allowing participants to earn two wellness points each semester upon completion. Employee engagement in the CPSB Wellness Program increased significantly, with 375 employees earning all eight wellness points and qualifying for a 10% discount on their 2026-2027 health insurance premiums. This represents a **60% increase in participation** compared to the program's average participation over the previous three years.

The Employee Benefits/Health Insurance Department, in partnership with HUB International, successfully renegotiated and restructured CPSB's pharmacy benefit management contract with Crumdale & Associates. These changes are projected to save the district's health insurance plan approximately \$4.5 million during the 2026-2027 plan year. Additional pharmacy programs are also being explored to identify further opportunities for cost savings and improved benefits for employees.

In response to the Jump Start Your Heart Act 234, the Risk Management team collaborated with the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals in fall 2025 to receive guidance on implementing newly required cardiac emergency response drills. As a result, every CPSB school developed and implemented a cardiac emergency plan and completed a cardiac drill as part of the district's required annual Emergency Operations drills.

The Risk Management and Transportation Departments partnered with Perry Weather to expand access to real-time weather monitoring throughout the region. Eight weather stations were installed across Southeast Texas and Calcasieu Parish, providing administrators, department heads, athletic trainers, and outdoor sports coaches with up-to-date weather information to support informed decision-making. Through this partnership, the district also has access to a team of meteorologists who provide additional monitoring and immediate forecasting support when needed.



SALES AND USE TAX



Sales and use tax collections reached **\$194 million for the School Board** and **\$435 million across the parish**, supporting essential services and community growth.

The Compliance Department secured **\$11.5 million in delinquent taxes**, while the Audit Department brought in an additional **\$5 million**. At the close of the fiscal year, 340 audits remained active.

Taxpayer activity continues at a high level, with an average of 10,741 sales tax returns processed monthly.

SCHOOL NUTRITION



1.58 MILLION
BREAKFASTS SERVED

2.95 MILLION
LUNCHES SERVED

126,000
AFTER-SCHOOL SNACKS



AWARDED BY THE LOUISIANA FARM TO SCHOOL INSTITUTE FOR EXPANDING SCHOOL GARDENS, HOSTING COOKING COMPETITIONS, AND PROCURING LOCALLY GROWN FOOD FOR SCHOOL MEALS

SPECIAL PROJECTS



LITERACY DAYS

Throughout the school year, Literacy Day events were hosted to inspire a love of reading and support literacy development among students. Events featured read-aloud activities, interactive literacy stations, and opportunities for students to receive books to build their home libraries. Families also received literacy resources and reading materials to encourage continued reading at home. In total, 525 students and families received books, expanding access to literacy materials and supporting learning beyond the classroom.

PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

Strong partnerships with businesses, organizations, and community stakeholders continue to play an important role in supporting schools and students. The annual Partners in Education (PIE) Brunch provided an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the contributions of community partners who help create meaningful educational opportunities. With the theme “Beads, Brunch, & Bon Temps!”, the event highlighted the impact of these partnerships and strengthened connections throughout the community.

SPECIAL SERVICES



SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The Special Education Teacher Development Center, located within the Assessment Center, was established to serve as a dedicated platform for educators. Its mission is to provide supplemental training and guidance to effectively provide support by addressing instructional and behavioral challenges.

This Center integrates collaborative peer assistance, tailored training modules, evidence-based educational practices, and effective classroom management strategies to create a strong foundation for teacher success. Special education teachers and paraprofessionals will receive comprehensive guidance from subject matter experts, program and behavior facilitators, and on-site support coaches. This structure ensures consistent, year-round assistance in addressing questions and concerns to help better provide support at the school level.

THE DINO PRESS

The initiative, located within the Assessment Center, was established to provide job-embedded instruction and employment opportunities for students enrolled in special services and alternative education programs.

This state-of-the-art facility serves as a multifunctional space, operating as a classroom, storefront, and gateway to real-world opportunities for students with disabilities and diverse needs. Students actively apply for positions and receive monthly compensation from CPSB, with funding reimbursed through Medicaid. They play a hands-on role in the daily operations of the Dino Press and are currently working toward expanding both the facility's footprint and the number of student participants.

LIFE ACADEMY

This partnership between the Calcasieu Parish School Board and McNeese State University provides pre-employment transition services to students with significant developmental and intellectual disabilities. The program focuses on career training, academic instruction, personal development, social engagement, and independent living skills to prepare students for life after high school.

Students are led by CPSB teachers, participate in campus activities, and receive job training opportunities. CPSB provides transportation, lunch, and basic materials, and students are issued college IDs to access campus resources. The goal is for each student to secure a job in their credentialed area before the age of 22. LIFE Academy has expanded to serve even more eligible students.



S.T.E.M. CENTER

The Region 5 STEM Center served **4,831 participants** across Southwest Louisiana through field trips, competitions, school visits, and community events. This included more than **2,780 K-12 students** who participated in hands-on STEM experiences focused on robotics, engineering, coding, and technology exploration.



The Center provided professional development and instructional support to **213 educators, librarians, paraprofessionals, and administrators**. These opportunities focused on integrating engineering design, emerging technologies, and STEM-based curriculum into classrooms.

The Region 5 STEM Center also hosted and supported major competitive STEM events, including the Louisiana VEX Robotics State Championship, which brought together more than **1,700 participants**, along with SeaPerch and Future Engineers competitions. These events provided students with opportunities to apply STEM skills through teamwork, problem-solving, and innovation.

TEACHER LEADER SUPPORT



59,298 mentoring hours were provided, which supported new hires, alternative certificate teachers, and undergrad residents

287 Mentors actively supported new and undergraduate educators

42 employees earned the State Mentor Certification

3,528 hours of New Teacher and Mentor Professional Development provided

9,902 Bullseye SnapThrough sessions conducted

TECHNOLOGY



TECHNOLOGY TRAINING

- **4,800+** virtual courses completed by CPSB employees
- Hosted **1,011** professional development sessions at the Technology Training Center
- **747** school support visits
- Hosted **2,444** students on the MakerSpace bus
- **1,030** classroom participants

TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

This year the Tech Support team:

- Resolved **19,662** help tickets
- Processed **11,498** devices salvaged to harvest reusable parts
- Repaired **2,775** devices
- Supported **5,000+** Employees and **28,000+** Students



NETWORKING

- Supported **3,750+** School Video Cameras
- Supported **168** School Door Access Controls
- Supported **2,469** Switches/Servers
- Supported **1,549+** Phones
- Supported **4,038** Wireless Access Points



TRANSPORTATION



- Became the first transportation department in the state to have three state-level certified instructors, expanding training support to neighboring districts, including Beauregard and Cameron Parishes, while continuing to offer more than seven driver training courses throughout the year
- Expanded and updated the transportation fleet by adding five route buses, ten lift buses, and replacing the five buses used by on-road testers and trainers for instructional purposes
- Became the first transportation department in the state to certify all employees in Narcan use and to equip onboard first aid kits with this life-saving resource
- Partnered with the Risk Management Department to implement Perry Weather technology, providing real-time weather conditions and monitoring of approaching weather systems to support safety decisions.
- Launched a statewide safety initiative in partnership with local law enforcement agencies and the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Planning, utilizing school buses as movable barricades along major roadways to enhance public safety during large public gatherings.



VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

VISUAL ARTS

- 200+ student works were submitted for district visual arts projects and initiatives, including the Spring Art Show “Next?” hosted at the Imperial Calcasieu Museum
- Student artwork was featured in the Louisiana School Boards Association student art contest and conference exhibition
- 100+ student works were displayed in the “Only in LA” exhibition at the Henning Cultural Center
- 24 student works were selected for publication in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report
- Student artwork was selected for Superintendent holiday cards and Department of Visual & Performing Arts seasonal communications
- Student exhibitions and publications increased visibility of student creativity while strengthening partnerships with community cultural organizations throughout Southwest Louisiana



PERFORMING ARTS

- Earned LMEA Standard of Excellence Awards for Sulphur High Wind Symphony, S.J. Welsh Middle Band, and S.J. Welsh Middle Choir
- David Billodeau and Darren Hooper received the LMEA Outstanding Young Music Teacher Award
- Five bands earned Sweepstakes at the State Instrumental Assessment: S.J. Welsh Middle, Barbe High School, Iowa High School, Westlake High, and Washington-Marion High
- Two choirs earned Sweepstakes at the State Vocal Assessment: S.J. Welsh Middle and Barbe High School
- Sulphur High, Westlake High, Sam Houston High, and S.P. Arnett Middle earned medals at the State Winterguard Championships
- Sulphur High's top Winterguard unit advanced to the finals at the Winter Guard International Regional Championship
- Students earned 20 Gold Medals at the State Solo and Ensemble Assessment, including 15 from Sulphur High, three from Barbe High, and one each from Iowa High and S.J. Welsh Middle

WAREHOUSE

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

The Warehouse Department manages the receiving, storage, inventory, procurement, and distribution of essential materials and supplies across the district. Responsibilities include processing and delivering janitorial supplies, maintenance and transportation parts, food service items, textbooks, curriculum materials, and copy paper. The department also oversees annual fixed asset verification, public auctions of obsolete equipment, special projects, training support, hurricane preparations, technology salvage collection, and the annual refinishing of gym floors at middle, high, and select elementary schools. Through these efforts, the Warehouse Department ensures schools and departments have the resources needed for daily operations.

BY THE NUMBERS

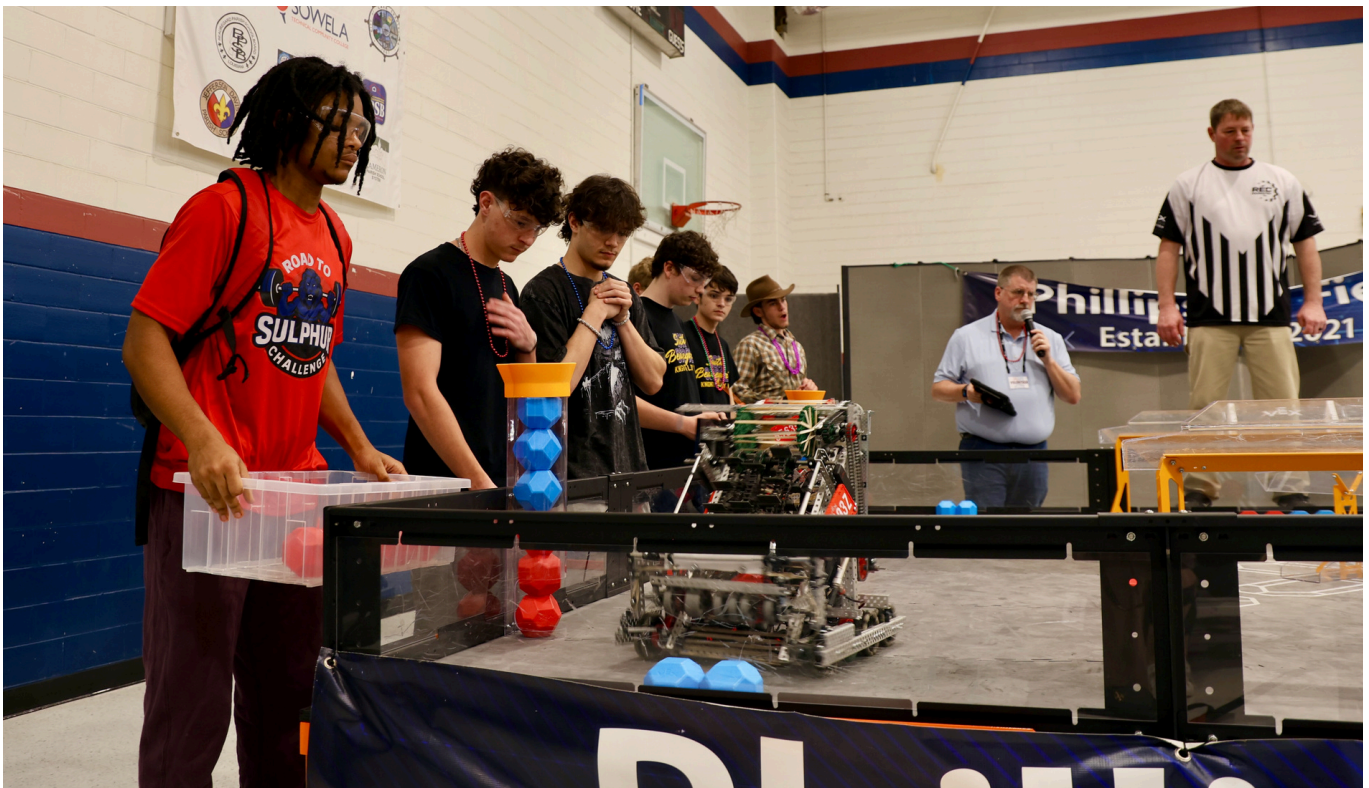
- **14,000** purchase orders received and processed
- **700+** email requests for assistance completed
- **1,350+** janitorial, food service, summer janitorial, and duplicating requisitions received, fulfilled, and delivered to schools
- **400+** incoming Food Service deliveries coordinated, including produce, US Foods, commodities, paper products, and bread
- **1,800+** Food Service deliveries distributed to schools
- **70+** curriculum purchases received and delivered to schools



OTHER DEPARTMENTS

There are various other departments that directly impact the students and staff within our district, and we are grateful for their commitment and dedication to all stakeholders.

ACCOUNTING
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
MAINTENANCE
PURCHASING



ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

LHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Bell City High

- Girls Track
 - High Jump - Payton Herpin
 - 100 Meter - Azhia Stewart
 - 4x100 Meter Relay - Klancie Hebert, Sunni Kelley, Payton Herpin, Azhia Stewart
 - 4x200 Meter Relay - Klancie Hebert, Cecilia Hollier, Payton Herpin, Azhia Stewart
 - 4x400 Meter Relay - KK Reeves, Kennedy Semar, Payton Herpin, Caroline Guillory
- Boys Track: 4x100 Meter Relay - Macon Broussard, Gabe Dubrock, Noah Granger, Mason Barber

Iowa High

- Football
- Girls Track: 4x200 Meter Relay - Brylei McKinney, Riley Charles, Trenati Pitre, Hadlee Henry

Starks High

- Boys Track: High Jump - Kaison Howard

Sam Houston High

- Baseball

Westlake High School

- Baseball



SAFETY & SECURITY

SEAL OUR CAMPUSES

SUPERVISION

ENTRY POINTS

AWARENESS

LOCK OUR DOORS

CPSB continues to upgrade fencing, gates, locks, and doors, throughout the system to meet and exceed state best practices.

ARMED PRESENCE

Maintaining School Resource Officers

Third-party armed guards in schools without law enforcement SROs

All schools have armed security

IN ADDITION

CPSB identified and signed contracts with four sites within the parish for reunification purposes

CPSB signed an agreement with the CPSO for access to the CPSB cameras in case of a major emergency

CPSB deployed weapons systems after regular school hours at selected major events

CPSB developed procedures and identified personnel in conjunction with the CPSO plan for a major emergency within a CPSB school

CPSB increased WIFI coverage to outline CPSB schools to assist in the event of an emergency situation

CPSB hosted and participated in the CPSO's parish wide all hazard exercise

HURRICANE REPAIR UPDATE

FEMA REIMBURSEMENT

\$120,103,417

reimbursed so far for cleanup costs, temporary roofing, debris removal, etc.

\$166,170,040

reimbursed so far for repair work

TOTAL PROJECT OVERVIEW

137

total repair projects

137

total bids advertised

137

total construction contracts executed

129

total projects substantially complete

2026-2027 FOCUS

CONTINUITY OF SYSTEMS FROM THE 25-26 SCHOOL YEAR

Expand unique opportunities for students

Continue improving math and reading performance

STRATEGIC PLAN FOLLOW-THROUGH

The CPSB Strategic Plan is a living document. It contains our primary Focus Areas, but we will have a heavy emphasis on the following:

Literacy

Attendance

Customizing Opportunities for Students

Academic Growth on LEAP Assessments

Partnerships

Technology

Improvement/Growth in our Identified Schools

Safety and Security

STEAM

Facility Restoration

MARKETING & PUBLICITY

We will continue to promote and market the district, as well as continue to recognize the incredible talent that exists within our schools and facilities.



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