

Board of Education Superintendent Report

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A strong start to 2026-27!



Preschool & Early Childhood

Welcoming Lawrence's Youngest Learners

- Preschool classrooms started at Kennedy Early Childhood Center, New York Montessori, Sunflower, Woodlawn, & our newest locations at Deerfield & Prairie Park



Expanding Early Learning Opportunities

Coming Soon

- Responding to family and community interest in additional seats
- **Expanding preschool opportunities** at Kennedy Early Childhood, Deerfield, Hillcrest, and Sunflower Elementary Schools.
- New classrooms **anticipated to open mid-September**



Transportation Update



- **Estimated 1,400 students routed**
- **All students with** High-priority transportation needs routed, including students with transportation services identified in their educational plans
- Refinements continue with the **My Ride K-12 app** with technical teams working around the clock to resolve issues.
- Family Engagement Center remains available for direct family support and translation services. **Families can call (785) 330-1900.**

Looking Ahead

Portfolio Day at Lawrence Public Schools

September 18 @ Lawrence High School

- Students connect directly with leading art & design programs
- Receive feedback through individual portfolio reviews
- Explore college, career, & creative pathways
- Hands-on experiences with community arts partners



