

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Emmett Independent School District #221
September 2026

START OF THE 2026–27 SCHOOL YEAR

- Positive start to the school year across the district.
- Thank you to staff in all departments for the work required to successfully open our schools.
- 148 student contact days—each day and each student experience matters.
- Continued focus on maximizing instruction and meaningful learning experiences.
- Reduce unnecessary screen time; use technology when it enhances instruction and student understanding.

ELEMENTARY CONFIGURATION WORK GROUP

- The work group continues to review long-term elementary building and grade configurations.
- Current concept being explored: integration of Butte View and Carberry Elementary.
- Possible primary/intermediate model, with one building serving primary grades and one serving intermediate grades.
- No recommendation has been made.
- Next step: develop a parent, staff, and community survey to gather broader input on the concept, advantages, concerns, and questions.
- Survey results will help guide the work group before any recommendation is brought to the Board.

ACADEMIC UPDATE

- Elementary staff began the year with Bridges Mathematics professional development and implementation support.
- Continue building consistency in mathematics instruction across elementary schools.
- District-wide emphasis on hands-on learning and meaningful student engagement.
- Focus on students reading, writing, discussing, building, solving, experimenting, and applying learning—not simply consuming information through screens.
- Continue reviewing curriculum implementation, instructional practices, and student achievement data throughout the year.

DOMES ASSESSMENT & FACILITIES PLANNING

- Review findings from the Dome facility assessment and identify the major long-term needs.
- Develop a committee to review the assessment and help evaluate possible pathways forward.
- Consider two broad alternatives:
 - Significant repairs and improvements to extend the useful life of the existing Domes.
 - Replacement of the Domes through construction of a new school facility.
- Focus first on needs and alternatives—not project cost.
- Build a community engagement process around the assessment and possible pathways.
- Board could ultimately consider a bond for Dome repairs or a new facility as early as May 2027.

HOMECOMING

- Homecoming Week September 21 through September 26th
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- Homecoming Parade: Friday, September 25.
 - Parade route will be different because Mainstreet is reserved for Harvest Festival
 - Opportunity to celebrate our students, schools, alumni, and community.
- Emmet vs Fruitland Volleyball Tuesday the 22nd at EHS
- Emmett vs Fruitland Boys Soccer Tuesday the 22nd at Fruitland
- Emmett vs Fruitland Girls Soccer Tuesday the 22nd at EHS
- Emmett Cross Country at Payettte Open Wednesday September 23rd
- Emmett vs. Fruitland Football Friday the 25th at EHS
- Homecoming Dance Saturday the 26th

LOOKING AHEAD

- Dome Committee & Facilities Pathway
 - Establish a committee to assess the Dome findings and possible pathways forward.
 - Develop options before determining project scope or cost.
- 2027 Legislative Session
 - Continue conversations with our local legislators leading into the upcoming session.
 - Discuss school funding, facilities, property-tax impacts, and legislation affecting the District.
- Consider rotating selected Board meetings through Ola, Sweet, and different school buildings and communities across the District.
- Continued Community Engagement Meetings Every Other Month
 - Continue community meetings and opportunities for residents to engage directly with the District and Board.
- Use these meetings to increase access, hear directly from residents, and give trustees additional opportunities to visit schools and communities throughout the District.