



A Message from the Superintendent

Jake Massey | September 2026

School is off to a great start in the LJSD! Thanks to our great teachers and staff, students are well taken care of and have what they need to have a great school year.

Enrollment

Enrollment is at about 4,750 students; this is an increase of more than 170 students from last year. We are excited that families see the Lakeland Jt. School District as a great choice for their children. Growth is great news for our school district!

Emergency Levy Decision

Although our growing enrollment makes a \$1.3 million emergency levy available to us, the Lakeland Board of Trustees, along with district leadership, has chosen not to use this option. We made this decision because we believe it is important that our community has a voice in how their tax dollars are used.

Summer Renovations are Complete

Our summer renovation projects are complete, and it's wonderful to see students and staff in our refreshed buildings.

These projects were funded by just under \$20 million in **one-time state modernization** dollars. The money came from a state bond, not a local bond or levy, so local taxpayers won't repay it. Learn more at sd272.org/modernization-funds.

Lakeland High School
New Roof

Lakeland Middle School
New gym roof and new parking lot, for **safer** and smoother drop-off and pick up.

John Brown Elementary
64 year old building modernized: new roof, siding, windows and updated classrooms and restrooms.

We held our first meeting of the Long Range Facilities Planning and Strategic Planning Committees in the past two weeks. It was great to get started on this important work with community members who are interested in serving the district.

The goal of these committees is to get community input, plan for the future in the open, and diligently prepare recommendations for the board.

As always, it's a pleasure to serve the students and staff of the Lakeland Joint School District.

Respectfully,

Jake Massey

Superintendent, Lakeland Jt. School District

