

District 115 Board of Education - President's Report
2026-2027 School Year – October 6, 2026

Welcome everyone, thank you for being here. Thank you, Gail & Erin, for your continued leadership with our education committee earlier this evening.

This past weekend was, of course, Homecoming, and for me, as a member of the Class of 1986, it was also my 40th LFHS reunion. Seeing so many families present with their seniors at Friday night's game was a pleasure. As those students approach their graduation in the spring, many of my classmates were looking back to their days at LFHS.

I had the fortune of being able to speak to a good number of my classmates, answer many of their questions, and share much of the work going on and how the school has changed and evolved from their time in the mid-80's. For some of them it was their first time back in many years.

What struck me most was the "Community" that they all remember. They could see how that "Community" is still present today. It all looks a little different, certainly, but at its core, Lake Forest High School is still about value and opportunity.

As it was for me and my classmates, it is still about giving students an educational foundation from which they can go out and take their next step in their own journey. We talked a lot about vision, values, and aspirations and those things are important. But words alone do not create the lasting value we see with LFHS. Actions do.

The work of this Board rests with our responsibility to help shape a vision and a culture of leadership that reflects our community and creates meaningful opportunities for students. An environment of action and learning.

This does not happen by accident. And it does not happen simply because Lake Forest High School has had success in the past.

It takes intentional choices and it requires strong leadership. And with the rapid pace of change, it takes people who can meet the moment. I feel very fortunate that we have those people in place here today.

Over the next several months, we will share the work being done that is shaping the student outcomes, the tax levy and the financial investment being asked, the referendum progress and the work to come, and our strategic priorities (what comes next, and how we continue building on the momentum and energy that is ever present across this district.

Ultimately, the value of the community's investments that are being made today will be measured by the educational achievements of our students.

Every student. Every teacher. Every staff member. Every parent. And every member of this community matters in that work.

Our thanks to Dr. Montgomery, Dr. Lenart, Dr. Fitzimmons, our Cabinet, our Faculty and Staff for their steadfast leadership and hard workday in and day out...

...and to our LFHS families and the residents of Lake Forest, Lake Buff, and Knollwood...

Thank you for your partnership and the trust you place in us to ensure our historic high school remains what it has always been: a place of opportunity, value, and belonging for every student.

[This concludes my report]

John Noble, LFHS District 115 Board President