Lakewood City Schools
Shaping Tomorrow, Together
Student Leader Meeting
October 21, 2026

Purpose of the Meeting:
Helping plan a successful opening of the 2027-2028 school year and any additional events that can make it a smooth transition for students switching schools.

The students were grouped together by Houses for the meeting. After a welcome from Assistant Superintendent Ast and Superintendent Niedzwiecki, the students participated in group sharing and brainstorming activities in relation to students transitioning to new buildings.

The first brainstorming session focused on the following questions:

- What would help you have a good experience if you were moving to a new building?
- What would you be worried about?
- What would you be excited about?
- What activities would help ease the transition?

The five different groups then shared what the student thoughts were in relation to the above questions. Common themes were: Worrying about having no friends at the new school; being excited to meet new friends, new teachers, and having a new playground. In regards to easing the transition, common thoughts were having House activities right away, organizing summer meet-ups, being assigned a student mentor; playing name games.

The next group brainstorming session focused on what type of event or activity students could do as a House to help ease the transition. Common ideas were: arts and crafts activities; fun game competitions; and sorting assemblies. They also discussed what type of event could be planned for August. Students agreed building tours and playground or park meet-ups would be helpful and fun.

Finally, students were given some time to create t-shirt designs that students across all elementary buildings could wear in order to promote unity and belonging.

The students had some truly fantastic ideas!