



CENTER CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 66

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LAKEVIEW JR HIGH SCHOOL

PRAIRIEVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ELIZABETH IDE SCHOOL

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September 2026 Board Report

Buildings & Grounds

In the time between the August and September BOE meeting, many projects found substantial completion or at minimum occupancy clearance and the hard work by many came together to allow for a very successful start of the 26-27 school year, on time and in full capacity. By open house, below are highlights of improvements that were ready for our staff and families:

Lakeview:

- Roofing retrofit for sections 1-3 was completed and warranty approved.
- Gym 1 renovations completed including new flooring, paint, wall graphics, padding, additional egress door and final A/V improvements.
- Parking lot renovations substantially completed including, new HD asphalt, striping and signage as well as the addition of a 100 yard track separated to the west of the parking lot.

Prairieview:

- Playground expansion completed, eliminating areas of mud hazards.
- Grading and seeding of the baseball outfield and PV soccer field areas.
- Replacement flooring between the main corridor and MP room/gym hallway.
- Upgraded furniture from TEAM66 grant in each grade level common area.

IDE:

- Tuckpointing completed on all exterior masonry
- Improved landscaping and playground access.

Now that school is in session, we look forward to keeping our buildings & grounds safe and accessible for our staff, families and guests alike. Thank you to all of our custodial and maintenance personnel for a great summer of preparation and a smooth start to the 26-27 school year.

Transportation

As we are now in our 4th week of school, our bus routes have worked themselves into a consistent routine for our children and arrivals & dismissals are running on time. Based on the most current data of students signed up for busing and who have rode the bus at least once thus far, we are bussing more than 830 students between the 3 schools on 7 large bus routes and pieces of 4 smaller & Special Needs routes. Thank you to the board, we were able to purchase an additional mini bus to allow handling another 2 outplaced students special needs routes as opposed to outsourcing, broadening our impact of routing in house.

We have also begun scheduling future fall field trips and have already begun busing our Lakeview sports teams to their conference games for Baseball, Softball and Cross Country. Our marching Spartans will also be participating in the German Day Parade in Chicago and will participate in the DGS Homecoming Parade at the end of September. Thank you to our drivers for picking up these extra hours when able.