

Administration School Board Report

September 2026

Construction Updates

At this point, we are down to mostly punch list items. Our hope is to have most of these items done by November. I have been working with NEXUS on budget tracking and we are sitting at roughly a balance of \$200,000 with the referendum account. I asked Jim Hessel for a bid on a bus (\$187,923) and will be asking the Board for approval to move forward on the purchase of a replacement bus with these remaining funds.

2026-27 Budget

The 2026-27 budget will be presented at the annual meeting on the 28th. This budget as presented has a slight surplus of \$6,753.00 with a mill rate of \$7.22. This compares to a mill rate of \$7.34 for the 2025-26 school year.

Enrollment Update

Our unofficial FTE count as of 9/14/26 was 1112 students. This compares to 1108 student that were estimated in August 2025. However, the resident student population has been trending down over the recent years.

895 students – 2023

854 students – 2024

828 students – 2025

828 students – 2026

While enrollment has been trending down, Cameron School District has one of the more stable enrollments within the 39 districts across CESA11. Over the past ten years, the average decline throughout CESA11 has been 7.2% with only five districts showing an increase. Cameron has had a decline of only 1.3% over the past ten years. Only one other district has had a lower decline over the past ten years.

District Calendar Survey

I will be presenting a draft school calendar family survey to the school board at our meeting. My plan is to share this with families early in November via Google forms and to bring results to our Board at the November or December school board meeting. At latest, I would recommend that we approve the 2026-27 calendar by our February board meeting.

Baseball / Softball Field Bleachers

I reached out the Beacon Athletics regarding some additional bleacher sections for the baseball/softball field. These would be very similar to some of the portable bleachers currently at the field. A 25' five row portable unit with five rows would seat approximately 75 people. One section would be \$13,000.

Calendar Items

September 3	Workers Comp Review with Ansay and Associates
September 9	Barron County Economic Development meeting
September 11	CESA11 PAC meeting
September 15	CESA11 Curriculum Coordinators meeting
September 18	District Pupil count day
September 21	AEF Steering Committee meeting
September 22	Admin team meeting