

# Lakeland Joint School District #272

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## Board Agenda Item

**AGENDA ITEM: Action Item-** Zone Changes for Garwood, Twin Lakes, and John Brown– Deer Field, only

**PURPOSE:** Zone Changes to Garwood, Twin Lakes, and John Brown

**MEETING DATE:** March 18, 2026

**PREPARED BY:** Rusty Taylor

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### **INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY:**

#### **Elementary Capacity & Boundary Considerations**

##### **Garwood Elementary (GW)**

- Currently operating at **97% functional capacity**
- Average class sizes range from **25–30 students per classroom**
- The GW attendance zone is experiencing **significant growth**
- Without proactive action, we anticipate further **overcrowding in the near future**

##### **Twin Lakes Elementary (TL)**

- Currently operating at **76% capacity**
- One of our newer elementary facilities
- The attendance zone shows **no projected growth**
- If no adjustments are made, enrollment is expected to **continue declining**

#### **Proposed Solution: Boundary Adjustment**

- A boundary adjustment would relieve pressure at GW while increasing enrollment at TL
- The inclusion of the **Deer Field area (John Brown zone)** is intended to:
  - Increase TL utilization to approximately **90–95% capacity**
  - Maximize the effective use of district facilities
  - Create a better bussing approach with Deer Field Students

This approach allows us to address both growth and underutilization strategically rather than allowing one school to

become overcrowded while another remains under-enrolled.

**SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATION: Approve Option C**, which excludes the 1.5-mile walk zone surrounding Garwood and includes the Deerfield area, reassigning those students to the Twin Lakes Elementary attendance zone as illustrated in the submitted zone maps.

**Additional Items:**

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