

**LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL CORPORATION**  
**Lake Central High School**  
**LGI ROOM – Enter Door E**  
**8260 Wicker Avenue, St. John, IN 46373**

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AGENDA**  
**Monday, March 17, 2025 - 7:00pm**

Board Members Present

Nicole Kelly, Secretary  
Janice Malchow, Vice President  
Howard Marshall, Board Member - Via Zoom  
Louise Tallent, Board Member

Board Members Not Present

Cindy Sues, President

Administration Present

Dr. Lawrence Veracco, Superintendent  
Sarah Castaneda, Assistant Superintendent  
Rebecca Gromala, Director of Student Services  
Rob James, Director of Business Services  
Yolanda Bracey, Director of Primary Education  
Misty Scheuneman, Director of Secondary Education

Administration Not Present

Bill Ledyard, Director of Facilities

*To view the archived video of the meeting in its entirety,  
go to the School Board section of website at [www.lcsc.us](http://www.lcsc.us)*

*All Motions Were Passed With a 4-0  
Roll Call Vote Unless Otherwise Indicated*

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, March 17, 2025 - 7:00pm**

- I. Call to Order – *Janice Malchow*
  - The meeting was called to order and Pledge of Allegiance led by Board Vice-President Janice Malchow.
- II. Agenda: Approval, Deletions, Additions – *Dr. Veracco* – **Action Required**
  - There were no changes to the Agenda.
  - Nicole Kelly moved to approve.
  - Louise Tallent seconded the motion.
  - Motion carried.
- III. Correspondence – *Nicole Kelly*
  - There was no correspondence.
- IV. Liaison Committee Updates – *Janice Malchow*
  - A. Personnel Interview Committee: Howard Marshall
  - B. Schererville Redevelopment Commission: Nicole Kelly
  - C. Schererville Parks Department: Nicole Kelly
  - D. Lake Central Education Foundation: Janice Malchow
  - E. Legislative Committee: Janice Malchow
  - F. Dyer Parks Department: Janice Malchow

- G. St. John Redevelopment Commission: Cindy Sues
- H. Dollars for Scholars: Cindy Sues
- I. Dyer Redevelopment Commission: Louise Tallent
- J. Wellness Committee: Louise Tallent

V. Official School Board Business Topics: Consent Agenda – *Dr. Veracco* – **Action Required**

A. Approval of Minutes

- Regular Board Meeting: March 3, 2025
- Special Board Meeting: March 7, 2025

B. Approval of Claims, Payroll and Extracurricular Expenditures

- Howard Marshall moved to approve the Consent Agenda.
- Nicole Kelly seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

VI. Public Comments Regarding Action Items

- There were no public comments regarding Action Items.

VII. Official School Board Business Topics: Regular Agenda

A. Superintendent – *Dr. Veracco*

1. Legislative Update
2. Lake Central Education Foundation Grant Round 62

B. Assistant Superintendent – *Sarah Castaneda*

1. Personnel Recommendations – **Action Required**

- Nicole Kelly moved to approve.
- Louise Tallent seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

2. Lake Central School Calendar 2026-27 - **Action Required**

- Louise Tallent moved to approve.
- Janice Malchow seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

C. Director of Primary Education – *Yolanda Bracey*

1. Professional Leave Requests - **Action Required**

- Nicole Kelly moved to approve.
- Janice Malchow seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

2. Field Trip Requests - **Action Required**

- Louise Tallent moved to approve.
- Nicole Kelly seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

D. Director of Secondary Education – *Misty Scheuneman*

1. Professional Leave Requests - **Action Required**

- Nicole Kelly moved to approve.
- Louise Tallent seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

2. Field Trip Requests - **Action Required**
  - Howard Marshall moved to approve.
  - Nicole Kelly seconded the motion.
  - Motion carried.

E. Director of Student Services - *Becky Gromala*

1. March Paraprofessional Training Recap

F. Director of Facilities – *Bill Ledyard*

G. Director of Business Services – *Rob James*

1. Donations - **Action Required**
  - Janice Malchow moved to approve.
  - Louise Tallent seconded the motion.
  - Motion carried.
2. Application to the Common School Fund Loan Program - **Action Required**
  - Janice Malchow moved to approve.
  - Nicole Kelly seconded the motion.
  - Motion carried.

VIII. Public Comments – *Janice Malchow*

- There were no public comments.

IX. Board Comments and Consideration of Future Agenda Items – *Janice Malchow*

- Louise Tallent: I just to say thank you to all the teachers that put forth the extra effort, and it's a lot of work for what you're doing, so thank you. And to our principals and administration.

- Janice Malchow: I would say it was an awesome weekend because we had the open house at Bibich and that's a special, special place in my heart, so it was nice to be there and see individuals I haven't seen in many many years. *To Dr. Veracco:* If we have to take things away, it would be things like sports or theater or music, would it?

Dr. Veracco: Well, that would bring our some emotion but I would say that if we have some activities that very few students are participating in, that could end up on the list, so there is a possibility.

- Janice Malchow: And I know some districts are doing away with transportation.
- Dr. Veracco: I'veve said it to our legislators, it would be one of the last things I think we should do because all of our schools, where they're located, are on rather narrow thoroughfares or on 41 here at the high school. We already have a lot of stagnation at arrival and dismissal and if you take that 20 minutes on each end and you make everybody drive instead of the 70% of kids that ride the bus, we would probably tripe that time and our town would come to a standstill. So, I just don't that that's an option at all for use.
- Janice Malchow: Ok, good, that's good to hear.

- X. Board Calendar of Future Activities – *Dr. Veracco*
  - Next School Board Meeting: Monday, April 7, 2025
- XI. Adjournment – *Janice Malchow* – **Action Required**
  - Nicole Kelly moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm.
  - Louise Tallent seconded the motion.
  - Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Minutes of the March 17, 2025 School Board Meeting were approved and adopted by the Board of School Trustees at the April 7, 2025 School Board Meeting.

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Janice Malchow, Vice-President

ATTEST:

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Nicole Kelly, Secretary

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## Legislative Update 3.17.25

*Recent visits with Representative Slager and Senator Dernulc indicate that school budgets will be under significant pressure next year due to small increases in tuition support, a potential freeze on our operations budget with significant increases from NIPSCO, school buses and other materials used in the regular operation of schools.*

- I. HB 1001 indicates a meager increase to Public k-12 for the next two years
  - a. Choice scholarship expansion gives most of the new money in year one to the remainder of high income families in the form of tuition (voucher)
    - i. Legislative Services Agency estimates \$139 million in 2026 to vouchers leaves \$41 million for all public schools (.5%)
    - ii. Legislative Services Agency estimates \$52 million in 2027 to vouchers leaves \$128 million for all public schools (1.5%)
  - b. \$160 million for Curricular Materials is being rolled into the formula also makes the public k-12 tuition support smaller than the .5% and 1.5% mentioned above
  - c. While other expenses (Medicaid), require a smaller increase to k-12, inflation must be factored in when determining funding for schools
- II. SB 1 indicates that some property tax relief will impact public schools
  - a. Most significant is the freezing of the growth quotient which will cap operations funds for schools in 2026
  - b. All districts are paying way more for school buses, cleaning products, paper and other items essential to educating students
  - c. Some districts in northern Indiana are also facing at 17.2% NIPSCO increase over a two year period beginning in November 2025
  - d. These costs will result in greater transfers from the Education fund to pay the bills
  - e. When inflation is high and tuition support is not keeping pace, any property tax cut should be implemented in a gradual manner not done in haste
- III. Indiana decision makers need to help schools keep up with inflation
  - a. Provide property tax relief over a longer period of time so that the growth of the operations fund can be 2-3% not 0%
  - b. Tuition support needs to also be a true 2% to all public schools after tuition support to vouchers since inflation is running over 3% and was even worse last year
  - c. the \$160 million for curricular materials (which is still \$40-\$50 shy for most districts), should remain a separate line item in the budget
  - d. Schools can reduce some overhead but given that we are a people oriented business, and since people provide services to students, the public needs to know that student services will be **reduced** if this 2 year budget is adopted in its current form



## Lake Central Education Foundation Grant Round 62

Number of Grants Funded: 14  
Amount: \$7425.19  
\$367,838.02  
Impacting Approximately 2,338 Students

Cumulative Grants Funded: 670  
Cumulative Amount:

<b>Grant #</b>	<b>Person Awarded</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Amount Awarded 3-17-25</b>
1	Jennifer Miller	Watson	Pardon my Place Value?	\$718.00
2	Lea Kerber and Brenna Krygsheld	Bibich	"Conscious Discipline Baby Doll Circle Time"	\$257.01
3	Christine Zeldenrust and Jennifer Neidy	Homan	Learning Wrap Ups: Reading Learning Palettes	\$529.96
4	Crystal Lippie	Bibich	"Sensory Regulation"	\$613.98
5	Kayla Klein, Heather Davis, and Tracy Chandler	Clark	Hal Clark Monarch Project	\$720.07
6	Laurie Rosine	Grimmer	Manga Mania in the Middle Schools	\$748.56
7	Sheri Venturelli and Kristy Bashara	Bibich	Decodable Readers for Kindergarten and Intervention Groups	\$750.00
8	Tina Genovese	Clark	Taylor Swift Eras Reading Challenge	\$531.70
9	Dawn Curosh	Homan	Soaring into S.O.R. (Science of Reading)	\$296.78
10	Alyssa Olund	Homan	Soaring into S.O.R. (Science of Reading)	\$296.78
11	Kim Martin	Homan	Soaring into S.O.R. (Science of Reading)	\$296.78
12	Melissa Vander Woude	Homan	Soaring into S.O.R. (Science of Reading)	\$296.78
13	Allison Castle	Clark	Poetry in Motion	\$726.13
14	Jennifer Frazier	Bibich	Ms. Frazier's Fonics Phun!	\$691.54
<b>Grand Total</b>				<b>\$7,425.19</b>

### Thank you to our top Partners in Education

Champion Partners: Law Office of Brian Less and Strack & Van Til

Hero Partners: Indiana University Northwest School of Education, Peoples Bank, Powers Health, Puntillo & Crane Orthodontics, St. John Smoothie King, and The Czarnik Family

Inspiration Partners: MI-Box Moving & Mobile Storage, Monica Conrad of Lewis Kappes, Schillings, Scott's U-Save Tires & Auto Repair, Stifel - MInas Sabau Porterfield Group, Susan & Brian Popa and The Seljan Family



1. Jennifer Miller

Ten-Frame Tiles are an advance in base-ten manipulatives and will help students develop connected understanding of the base-ten system as they build reasoning skills, problem solving skills, and computational accuracy and fluency. Also the frames can be used to convert fractions to decimals for enrichment.

2. Lea Kerber and Brenna Krygsheld

Conscious Discipline Baby Doll Circle Time would allow us to help children develop healthy blueprints for self-regulation, relationships, sense of self and the development of robust expressive and receptive language skills.

3. Christina Zeldenrust and Jennifer Neidy

Learning wrap-up palettes will enhance learning by offering students interactive tools that foster hands-on engagement and strengthen literacy skills, including phonics, vocabulary, and comprehension. These palettes will support both individualized and collaborative learning, helping students develop a solid foundation for future academic success.

4. Crystal Lippie

By recognizing when sensory regulation is needed and using appropriate strategies, educators can help students with cognitive and developmental disabilities navigate sensory challenges, improve engagement, and enhance their overall learning experience.

5. Kayla Klein, Heather Davis and Tracy Chandler

The Hal Clark Monarch Project would enhance learning for all students involved due to its direct link to science of learning principles, nature-based instruction, and experiential learning—all of which show positive outcomes for learners in research. The potential benefits of adding these elements into instruction include increased memory and concentration, higher standardized test scores, improved mental health, increased academic engagement, practice of college and career readiness skills, as well as fostering environmentally responsible citizens for the future.

6. Laurie Rosine

In order for students to be engaged in their choice of reading, we need to provide them with genres that are trending. Grimmer students are currently in a craze for manga, but we are lacking in middle grade selections. This LCEF grant will fund the purchase of middle grade manga which all students can read and enjoy.

7. Sheri Venturelli and Kristy Bashara

The decodable readers will help support early literacy development in kindergarten and intervention groups and will help increase the students' phonic skills and reading fluency.

8. Tina Genovese

The Taylor Swift Eras Reading Challenge is an innovative and motivational program that ties the music of a relevant pop star to book titles, thus motivating students to read. Research shows that fostering a love of reading through engaging, interactive programs can improve literacy and inspire lifelong reading habits.

9. Dawn Curosh

10. Alyssa Olund

11. Kim Martin

12. Melissa Vander Woude

Students get hands-on practice with word mapping, decoding and encoding—in one all-inclusive kit! These magnetic letter tile manipulatives support the Science of Reading by using evidence-based strategies to enhance students' automaticity and fluency in reading during phonemic



awareness and phonics instruction. In early reading, developing the connection between graphemes (letter or letters that represent a single speech sound) and phonemes (speech sounds) is essential in early reading success.

13. Allison Castle

The goal of this project is to provide students with an engaging, hands-on approach to poetry by creating a poetry makerspace in my classroom. This initiative will allow students to experiment with language and poetic expression using magnetic poetry kits, magnetic boards, and traditional ink and feather pens. By integrating tactile and interactive elements into the writing process, this project will foster creativity, self-expression, and a deeper appreciation for poetry.

14. Jennifer Frazer

Students will use phonics games, books, tools, and activities to enhance their understanding of phonics skills so they can become fluent readers and writers.

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**TO: Board of School Trustees**  
**FROM: Sarah Castaneda, Assistant Superintendent**  
**DATE: March 13, 2025**  
**RE: Board Meeting of March 17, 2025**

## Personnel

*(Board action required)*

We are recommending that the following be approved:

### I. Certified Appointment(s), Resignation(s), & Retirement(s):

#### A. Appointment(s):

1. Karlee Pelloza (Cedar Lake), Temporary Science Teacher, Grimmer Middle School (effective March 3, 2025).
2. Pam Young (St. John), Temporary Grade Three Teacher, Peifer Elementary School (effective April 7, 2025).
3. Amber Schaaf (Crown Point), Temporary First Grade, Kolling Elementary School (effective April 14, 2025).

### II. Classified Appointment(s), Resignation(s), Change of Status & Retirement(s):

#### A. Appointment(s):

1. Diane Smith (Schererville), Paraprofessional, TAP (effective March 10, 2025); *pending background check*.
2. Josephine Schultz (Dyer), Paraprofessional, Kahler Middle School (effective April 1, 2025).
3. Iona Sas (Schererville), Paraprofessional, Kahler Middle School (effective March 13, 2025).

#### B. Resignation(s) :

1. Destiny Tolle, Paraprofessional, Bibich Elementary School (effective March 14, 2025).
2. Melody Weishar, Paraprofessional, Peifer Elementary School (effective March 5, 2025).

#### C. Change of Status:

1. Sherri Mitchell, from 4.50 to 5.75 hours per day as a Café Assistant at Peifer Elementary School (effective February 28, 2025).
2. Mary Andree, from 5.75 to 4.25 hours per day as a Café Assistant at Peifer Elementary School (effective February 28, 2025).

#### D. Retirement(s):

1. Pam Beecher, Accounts Payable, Lake Central School Corporation (effective May 30, 2025); *28 years of dedicated service*.



**III. Certified Extracurricular Resignation(s):**

**A. Resignation(s):**

1. Genna Shinkan, Varsity Girls Soccer Coach, Lake Central High School (effective February 28, 2025).
2. Trishanne Boyer, Play Director, Grimmer Middle School (effective March 3, 2025).
3. Samantha Golden, Assistant Play Director, Grimmer Middle School (effective March 3, 2025).
4. Christa Moore, National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) Co-Sponsor, Grimmer Middle School (effective May 29, 2025).
5. Danielle Miller, National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) Co-Sponsor, Grimmer Middle School (effective May 29, 2025).

**IV. Classified Extracurricular Appointment(s):**

**B. Appointment(s):**

1. Jacob Warn, Freshman Baseball Coach, Lake Central High School (effective March 17, 2025).
2. David Byrd, Varsity Assistant Baseball Co-Coach, Lake Central High School (effective March 17, 2025).

**Approval of Lake Central School Corporation Substitute Staff Appointments and Resignations – Refer to attached list of substitutes that have been hired and have resigned.**



03/17/2025

Substitutes - Hired
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Employee Name	Hire Date	Job Description
Millie Meseberg	3/5/2025	Classified Sub
Crystal Slavo	3/5/2025	Sub Teacher
Zachary Belcaster	3/10/2025	Sub Teacher
Thomas Midgett	3/12/2025	Sub Transportation
Reinalda Rivera	3/10/2025	Sub Teacher
Kari Michniewicz	3/12/2025	Sub Teacher
Josephine Schultz	3/12/2025	Sub Teacher

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# LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL CORPORATION 2026-2027 CALENDAR

## August

- 10 First Teacher Day (no students)  
Kindergarten Bus Practice Run
- 11 First Student Day  
Start of 1st Grading Period

AUGUST 2026						
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## February

- 9 Early Release Day
- 15 President's Day (no school)

## September

- 7 Labor Day (no school)
- 15 Early Release Day

SEPTEMBER 2026						
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## March

- 9 Early Release Day
- 11 End of 3rd Grading Period (46)
- 12 Start of 4th Grading Period
- 22-26 Spring Break (no school)
- 29 Easter Break (no school)

## October

- 12 End of 1st Grading Period (44)
- 13 Early Release Day  
Start of 2nd Grading Period
- 30 Fall Break (no school)

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## April

- 13 Early Release Day

## November

- 2-3 Fall Break cont. (no school)
- 10 Early Release Day
- 25-27 Thanksgiving Break (no school)

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## May

- 11 Early Release Day
- 25 Last Student Day  
End of 4th Grading Period (47)
- 26 Last Teacher Day (no students)
- TBD LCHS Graduation
- 31 Memorial Day

## December

- 18 End of 2nd Grading Period (43)
- 21 Winter Break begins  
(no school 12/21 through 1/4)

DECEMBER 2026						
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## June

- Summer school begins (TBD)

## January

- 4 Teacher Record Day (no school)
- 5 School Resumes  
Start of 3rd Grading Period
- 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no school)

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## Key:

- No Students
- First/Last Day of School
- Early Release Day



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TO: Board of School Trustees  
FROM: Yolanda Bracey, Director of Primary Education  
DATE: March 13, 2025  
RE: **Board Meeting of March 17, 2025**

## PROFESSIONAL LEAVE REQUESTS

NAME	Ashley Mitsch
POSITION	Assistant Principal
SCHOOL	Bibich Elementary
EVENT	LEADIng AP's Program
DATES	4/01/2025 (Year Long Program)
PLACE	Virtual
DESCRIPTION	Leadership program for assistant principals
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	IASP
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees - \$418 Estimated Travel Cost - \$0
FUNDING	Bibich Title II

YB/vv



<b>NAME</b>	T. Miljevic, M. Cummins, B. Vance, P. Santiago
<b>POSITION</b>	Teachers
<b>SCHOOL</b>	Homan Elementary
<b>EVENT</b>	3rd Grade Field Trip
<b>DATES</b>	5/12/2025
<b>PLACE</b>	Chicago, IL
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	3rd grade field trip to Lincoln Park Zoo
<b>SPONSORING ORGANIZATION</b>	Homan 3rd Grade Team
<b>EXPENSES</b>	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
<b>FUNDING</b>	Self-Funded

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TO: Board of School Trustees

FROM: Yolanda Bracey, Director of Elementary Education

DATE: March 13, 2025

RE: **Board Meeting of March 17, 2025**

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### ***FIELD TRIP REQUESTS***

Tina Miljevic, Melissa Cummins, Brooke Vance and Paulina Santiago, teachers at Homan Elementary School, request to take approximately (95) 3rd grade students to Chicago, IL on May 12, 2025. The students will visit the Lincoln Park Zoo to observe animal characteristics, traits, heritage and environment. This is a self-funded event.

YB/vv

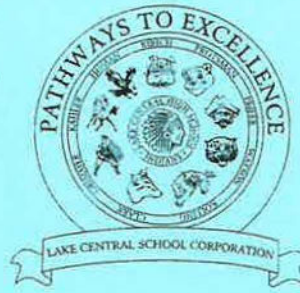


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TO: Board of School Trustees  
FROM: Misty Scheuneman, Director of Secondary Education  
DATE: March 13, 2025  
RE: **Board Meeting of March 17, 2025**

## PROFESSIONAL LEAVE REQUESTS

NAME	<b>Pete Koulianos, Nike Bork, Tim Gramenz, Nick Jelcic, Dylan Paul</b>
POSITION	Football Coaches
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	IFCA State Coaches Clinic
DATES	3/13 - 3/15/2025
PLACE	Indianapolis, IN
DESCRIPTION	Coaches Convention
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Indiana Football Coaches Association
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$70 x (5) Estimated Hotel Cost - \$400 x (4) Estimated Required Fees - \$0 Estimated Travel Cost - Mileage x (5)
FUNDING	Athletics

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<b>NAME</b>	<b>Pete Koulianos, Tom Halterman</b>
<b>POSITION</b>	Coaches
<b>SCHOOL</b>	LCHS
<b>EVENT</b>	National High School Strength Coaches
<b>DATES</b>	3/14 - 3/15/2025
<b>PLACE</b>	Mooresville, IN
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	State clinic for strength coaches
<b>SPONSORING ORGANIZATION</b>	National High School Strength Coaches Association
<b>EXPENSES</b>	Estimated Meal Cost - \$35 x (2) Estimated Hotel Cost - \$125 x (1) Estimated Required Fees - \$50 x (2) Estimated Travel Cost - Mileage x (1)
<b>FUNDING</b>	Athletics

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Dan Fox</b>
<b>POSITION</b>	Teacher / Science Olympiad Coach
<b>SCHOOL</b>	LCHS
<b>EVENT</b>	Science Olympiad Competition
<b>DATES</b>	3/14 - 3/15/2025
<b>PLACE</b>	Madison, WI
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Science Olympiad Competition
<b>SPONSORING ORGANIZATION</b>	Hamilton Middle School
<b>EXPENSES</b>	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees - \$0 Estimated Travel Cost - \$0
<b>FUNDING</b>	Self Funded

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Danielle Carr</b>
POSITION	Teacher
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	2025 Indiana Robotics State Championship
DATES	3/21 - 3/22/2025
PLACE	Indianapolis, IN
DESCRIPTION	State Robotics Competition
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	TechPoint Foundation for Youth
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	Self Funded

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Laura Bloom-Johnson, Courtney Blackwell</b>
POSITION	Teachers / Sponsors
SCHOOL	Kahler Middle School
EVENT	Girls on the Move Field Trip
DATES	4/09/2025
PLACE	Chicago, IL
DESCRIPTION	Field Trip for the Girls on the Move group
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Kahler Girls on the Move
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost - \$
FUNDING	Self Funded



<b>NAME</b>	<b>Rose Kennedy</b>
POSITION	Teacher
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	Hispanic Heritage Club Field Trip
DATES	4/17/2025
PLACE	Chicago, IL
DESCRIPTION	Hispanic Heritage Club Field Trip
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	LCHS Hispanic Heritage Club
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	Self Funded

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Julie Shupryt</b>
POSITION	Teacher
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	AP Environmental Science Field Trip
DATES	4/23/2025
PLACE	Portage, IN
DESCRIPTION	AP Environmental Science Field Trip
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	LCHS Science Department
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	Self Funded

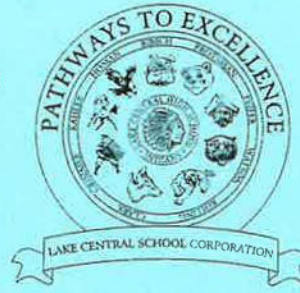


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### **FIELD TRIP REQUESTS**

Dan Fox, teacher and Science Olympiad coach at LCHS, requests to take approximately (20) members of the LCHS Science Olympiad team to Madison, WI on March 14 - 15, 2025. The team will compete in a science olympiad competition at Hamilton Middle School. This is a self-funded event.

Danielle Carr, teacher and Robotics sponsor at LCHS, requests to take approximately (13) members of the LCHS Robotics team to Indianapolis, IN on March 21 - 22, 2025. The team will compete in the 2025 Indiana Robotics State Championship at the Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center. This is a self-funded event.

Laura Bloom-Johnson and Courtney Blackwell, teachers at Kahler Middle School, request to take approximately (42) members of the Girls on the Move club to Chicago, IL on April 9, 2025. The girls will have lunch at La Creperie and practice the etiquette they learned at their etiquette meeting earlier in March. This is a self-funded event.

Rose Kennedy, teacher at LCHS, requests to take approximately (35) members of the Hispanic Heritage Club to Chicago, IL on April 17, 2025. The members will visit the Museum of Mexican Art and learn about Hispanic art and culture through artwork. This is a self-funded event.

Julie Shupryt, teacher at LCHS, requests to take approximately (96) AP Environmental Science students to Portage, IN on April 23, 2025. The students will visit the Indiana Dunes West Beach Succession Trails. This is a self-funded event.

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Rob James  
Director of Business Services

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## **Donations (Action Required)** **Received**

Kahler Middle School Theatre received a donation of \$250 from John Tomlinson.

The Lake Central High School Cultural Club received a donation of \$30 from an anonymous donor.

Lake Central High School Best Buddies program received a donation of \$20 from Jamatheia Posey.

The Kolling PTO would like to donate \$7,219 for the purchase of a book vending machine.

## **Given**

Peifer Elementary School recently held their annual fundraiser for Riley Children's Hospital. The school would like to donate \$2,061 to Riley's.

The Lake Central High School N-Teens would like to donate \$1,000 to Dollars for Scholars to be used for scholarships.

Kolling Student Council raised \$1,553.02 during Spirit Week and would like to donate the amount raised to Riley Children's Hospital.

Kolling recently held their Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser for the American Heart Association (AHA) and raised \$6,094.37. \$5,659.37 of that amount was paid directly to the AHA; the school would like to donate the \$435 collected locally to the AHA.

Lake Central High School sold St. Baldrick shirts and would like to donate the \$480 profit to the St. Baldrick Foundation.



**Application to the Common School Fund Loan Program (Action Required)**

The Administration is seeking permission to apply for a loan from the Common School Fund, Educational Technology Program. The maximum amount that we can apply for is our February '25 ADM count multiplied by \$100, which will be \$867,800. We believe that the district should make every effort to bring additional dollars into our district to upgrade the technology in our buildings. The loan would be payable over five years at an interest rate of 1%, if awarded.