# The Leigh Legend



October 2025





Here at LCS, we are off to a great start to the school year. Students have settled into a routine and activities are very busy throughout the week.

The Board of Education recently approved next year's school budget. Every year the board and I have to account and consider increases in enrollment, salaries, wages, insurance, supplies, and operational costs when developing the 2025-2026 school budget. Like last year, LCS will be able to keep its tax asking similar to what was taxed for the last budget cycle. If there are any questions about the 2025-26 budget, please feel free to reach out to me during school hours.

am excited to share that on October 10th, we will host our annual Homecoming Football Game versus Newman rove-St. Edward. This past summer, Danny Gall, was inducted into the 8-man Football Hall of Fame during the Sertoma All-Star game in Hastings. We have invited him and the 1984 Leigh Football Championship team to be honored at halftime. We also invite everyone to the fairgrounds building that evening beginning at 5:00 PM for a tailgate put on by the Patriot Booster Club, Citizens State Bank, and Park Place. This will continue after the conclusion of the game and coronation. We hope to see many alumni back to celebrate Homecoming, Danny Gall, and the 1984 Championship Team!

Some dates for your calendars...We will have our first Late Start on Wednesday, October 1st for teacher in-service. Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, October 8th, with a 2:00 PM dismissal. Once again, we have been selected to host NSAA District Play Production on Wednesday, December 3rd. There will be NO SCHOOL on December 3rd. Also, this year, our FFA will be hosting almost 300 students on Monday, December 8th, for District FFA. We will need the whole building to accommodate these competitions, so school will NOT be in session on December 8th as well. Teachers will report accordingly on these days. We are excited to host and show our facility to the area schools!

I hope you all have a great fall and hope to see you at various LCS activities!

BE THE BEST!

Cole Fischer
Superintendent/Elementary Principal



#### Leigh Community School Board of Education Regular Meeting August 13, 2025

sident Kamin Held called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

frification of Notice by Kamin Held (Published on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 in the Leigh World Newspaper & Posted on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Leigh Community Schools, Main-Stop and the Leigh Post Office)

Recognition of Open Meetings Law by Kamin Held

Secretary Brabec read the roll call. Present were Machmueller, Urban J, Went, Wietfeld M, Brabec D, Folken, Held K, Higby. Also present were Superintendent Fischer, Principal Faltys, Secretary Brabec.

Excuse Absence of Hoffman

Approval of Agenda Public Comment - None

Principal's Report – FBall Field – Hudl Camera; Transportation; Class Scheduling; School Year; Upcoming Events.

Superintendent's Report – Start of School; Grandparents Day; Graduation Date; Facilities; Budget; Good Luck to Fall Activities; Reminders.

Consent Agenda approved the July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting minutes & the July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 retreat minutes, Treasurer/Financial Report, Bills/Payroll.

Motions Passed: Approved resolution on increasing the school district's base growth percentage up to 7%; Approved school census report 2025; Approved Pekny & Associates as the school auditor for the 2025-26 school year.

Discussion Item: Bus routes for the 2025-26 school year

Moved by Brabec D, seconded by Higby to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. All present voting "aye". Motion carried.

A Special Board meeting will be at 6:00 pm on Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at the Leigh High School STEM Room (B138) for the end of the budget cycle. Next regularly scheduled meeting will be at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at the Leigh High lool STEM Room (B138).

April R. Brabec, Board Secretary

Leigh Community School Board of Education Special Meeting August 25, 2025

President Kamin Held called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Verification of Notice by Kamin Held (Published on August 20th, 2025 in the Leigh World Newspaper & Posted on August 20th, 2025 at Leigh Community Schools, Main-Stop and the Leigh Post Office)

Recognition of Open Meetings Law by Kamin Held

Secretary Brabec read the roll call. Present were Hoffman, Urban J, Wietfeld M, Brabec D, Folken, Held K. Absent were Higby, Machmueller, Went.

Also present were Superintendent Fischer, Principal Faltys, Secretary Brabec.

Excuse Absence of Higby, Machmueller, Went

Approval of Agenda Public Comment – None

Consent Agenda approved the August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting minutes & additional bills for '24-'25 fiscal year.

Discussion Items: Budget Workshop - budget worksheet & new budget; Joint Public Hearing Qualifications & Guidance

Executive Session – discuss contract negotiations for a new interlocal agreement and personnel which is necessary to protect the public interest.

wed by Hoffman, seconded by Wietfeld M to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. All present voting "aye". Motion carried.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at the Leigh High School STEM Room (B138).

April Brabec, Board Secretary

#### Leigh Community School District #39 Colfax County Budget Hearing September 16, 2025

sident Kamin Held opened the Budget Hearing at 6:30 p.m. at the Leigh High School STEM Room (B138). Verification of Notice by Kamin d. (Published on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 in the Leigh World Newspaper & Posted on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Leigh Community Schools, Mainstop and the Leigh Post Office)

Recognition of Open Meetings Law by Kamin Held. Present during the hearing were Board Members Folken, Held K, Higby, Hoffman, Machmueller, Urban J, Wietfeld M. Absent were Brabec D, Went. Also present were Superintendent Fischer, Principal Faltys and Secretary Brabec. Excuse Absence of Brabec D, Went.

Public Comment - None

Discussion Item - Proposed Budget

Motion by Hoffman, seconded by Urban J to close the hearing at 6:32 p.m. All present voting "aye".

April R. Brabec, Secretary

Leigh Community School District #39 Colfax County Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request September 16, 2025

President Kamin Held opened the Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request at 6:32 pm (immediately following the budget hearing) at the Leigh High School STEM Room (B138). Verification of Notice by Kamin Held. (Published on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 in the Leigh World Newspaper & Posted on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Leigh Community Schools, Main-Stop and the Leigh Post Office) Recognition of Open Meetings Law by Kamin Held. Present during the hearing were Board Members Held K, Higby, Hoffman, Machmueller, Urban J, Wietfeld M, Folken. Absent were Went, Brabec D. Also present were Superintendent Fischer, Principal Faltys and Secretary Brabec. Excuse Absence of Went, Brabec D.

Public Comment - None

Discussion Item - Proposed Tax Request

Brabec D arrived @ 6:35 pm during Proposed Tax Request discussion.

Motion by Machmueller, seconded by Folken to close the hearing at 6:36 p.m. All present voting "aye."

April R. Brabec, Secretary

Leigh Community School Board of Education Regular Meeting September 16, 2025

President Kamin Held called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

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Recognition of Open Meetings Law by Kamin Held

Secretary Brabec read the roll call. Present were Hoffman, Machmueller, Urban J, Wietfeld M, Brabec D, Folken, Held K, Higby. Also present were Superintendent Fischer, Principal Faltys, Secretary Brabec.

Excuse Absence of Went

Approval of Agenda

Principal's Report – MAP Testing; After School Study Hall; Parent-Teacher Conferences; Homecoming; Career Fair; College Visit; Upcoming Events; Students of the Month.

Superintendent's Report – Elementary Notes; Facilities & Transportation; Career Fair; PT Conferences; District Play Production & District FFA; Teacher In-Services; Negotiations; NASB State Board Conferences; Questions.

Consent Agenda approved the August 25th, 2025 meeting minutes, Treasurer/Financial Report, Bills/Payroll.

Motions Passed: Approved the budget for the 2025-2026 school year; Approved the tax request of \$3,774,025.00 at a levy of .604524 for the General Fund, the tax request of \$353,535.00 at a levy of .056629 for the Special Building Fund and the tax request of \$755,025.00 at a levy of .120940 for the Bond Fund with a total levy of 0.782093 for the 2025-2026 school fiscal year.

Executive Session - discuss contract negotiations for a new interlocal agreement and personnel which is necessary to protect the public interest.

ved by Higby, seconded by Brabec D to adjourn at 8:54 p.m. All present voting "aye". Motion carried.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, October 15th, 2025 at the Leigh High School STEM Room (B138).

April R. Brabec, Board Secretary

### Counselor's Notes:

#### Pistrict Testing

If first round of MAP (Measures of Academic Performance) testing is complete with our upper elementary, junior high, and high school students. Our next round of MAP testing will be in February followed by NSCAS Growth testing for 3rd-8th grade students in April. The sophomores will take the PreACT and the juniors will take the ACT in the spring. If you have questions regarding other test dates for the ACT please reach out to Mrs. Gall. As always, we encourage our students to give nothing but their best!

#### Senior Class Update

I am excited to share that our senior class has made excellent progress toward their post-secondary plans! Over the past few weeks, our seniors have:

Applied to College – Seniors have submitted applications to the colleges of their choice.

Created FAFSA FSA IDs – Students now have their FSA IDs, which is the first step in completing the FAFSA. As a reminder, completing the FAFSA is a graduation requirement by the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) and opens on October 1st.

**Started Scholarship Applications** – Seniors have begun exploring and applying for scholarships to help fund their education.

On our **Apply to College Day**, staff showed their support and excitement for the seniors' next steps by proudly wearing their **college gear**, demonstrating to students the many opportunities ahead!

#### How Families Can Support Seniors:

Encourage your student to **check their email daily** for important updates regarding scholarships, college applications, and FAFSA.

Help your student stay organized with deadlines for scholarship applications and college materials.

Discuss your student's college and career goals to help guide their decisions during this critical year.

I am proud of the seniors' progress and appreciate the support of all families in helping our students prepare for their future. I will continue to share additional information and resources through email regarding scholarships and FAFSA throughout the school year.

#### Highway 91 Career Fair 2025

On Wednesday, September 24th, Howells-Dodge High School hosted the fourth annual Highway 91 Career Day. This year's event welcomed 390 students in grades 9–12 from Howells-Dodge, Clarkson, Leigh, Humphrey, Lindsay Academy, Archangels, and St. Edward. The career fair was designed to connect students with valuable career exploration opportunities and equip them with skills for their future.

The day began with an engaging keynote presentation from Mike Donahue, founder of Value Up, a character-based education program that empowers students to embrace their value, build respect for others, and create a positive culture. Following the keynote, students participated in breakout sessions tailored to their grade level:

- Sophomores had a small-group breakout session with Mike Donahue, where they discussed tools for success and strategies for making positive choices.
- Juniors worked with Brandy Thompson from ESU 7, who presented essential job-keeping skills that will help them in the workplace.
- Seniors participated in mock interviews with community professionals, gaining firsthand experience in the interview process.
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While the high school students were engaged in the career fair, 152 junior high students from Howells-Dodge, Clarkson, Leigh, and Humphrey traveled to Wayne State College for a pllege visit. Their day included a campus tour, a visit to the planetarium, a session on planning for their future, and lunch in the campus dining hall.

This event was made possible through a grant written by the school counselors from Howells-Dodge, Clarkson, Leigh, and Humphrey, along with the generous support of local businesses and the participating school districts. Over the past four years, Highway 91 Career Day has continued to grow and thrive, and we look forward to providing this outstanding opportunity for our students each year.

If anyone was inadvertently omitted, please know it was not intentional. Thank you to all who helped make Highway 91 Career Fair 2025 a success!

A special thank you to our meal donors:

Cargill Meat Solutions

Clarkson Bank

Homestead Bank for grilling burgers

Humphrey Public School & FCS Program

Clarkson Public School & FCS Program

Leigh Community School & FCS Program

Howells-Dodge Consolidated & FCS Program

A special thank you to our presenters:

A Full Plate / A Full Cup-Shannon Hekrdle

Accounting-Allison Brockhaus

Alec & Ashley Windeshausen

rmy National Guard-Matt Williams

&D Drone Service-Maple Creek Seeds

BD Construction-Marsha Wilkerson

Center for Survivors-Traci Pilar

Central Nebraska Rehab Services-Carly Faltys & Stacy Janata

CHI Healthcare Professions-Marissa Stoklasa, Sandi Doernemann, Ashley Konwski

Clarkson Bank-Adam Cerv

Clarkson Christian Daycare-Shayla Corder

Clarkson Plumbing, Heating & Hardware-Rob Brabec

Classen Farms Beef - Travis Classen

Colfax County Law Enforcement-Deputy Brichacek

Columbus Community Hospital-Kaitlyn Cattau & Dr. Anthony White

Columbus Community Hospital-Mike Sloup & Melissa Bulin

Criminal Justice Careers- Matt McCarthy NECC

Cuming County Public Power- Willy Anderson

Diesel Mechanic Caterpillar - NMC-Eddy Savers

Dodge Dental Office - Hygienist-Suzie Steffensmeier

Doernemann Construction-Jeremy Doernemann

Eighty8 Bar & Grill-Brad Hegemann

Engler Entrepreneurship-Hailey Demers

ESU 7 Licensed Mental Health Practitioner-Iris Medina

Eternal Tattoo-Cole Beebe

EXP Realty-Shae Spitz

Farmers Union Cooperative-Isaiah Fischer & Jim Buresh

egemann Electric - Mark Burenheide

Aochstein Strategic Legal Planning-Justin Hochstein

Howells Dodge School-Scott Polacek

Howells-Dodge Elementary-Christina Radcliff

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Jeanette Johnson Art & Design

bb Keeping Skills - Brandy Thompson

Landscaping-Jason Gronenthal

Lindsay Manufacturing-Aubrey Nygren

Mitchell Equipment-Miley Prine

NPPD Cyber Security-Lourdes Herling

Obstetrics Nursing Columbus Community Hospital-Kim Eisenmann

Platte Valley Equipment-Jeremy Vrana

RedStar Ag Services-Taylor Stoklasa & Pete Martin

Schwartz Farms-Mirna Chich-Price & Tyrell Pokorney

Shear Designs & B's Place-Carmen Belina & Bailie Graybill

St. Joseph's Villa Nursing Home-Melanie Kudera

Steffy Construction-Jon Steffensmeier

Stitches & Petals-Betty Mandel

Tools for Success - Mike Donahue

United States Army-Maleek Hicks

Vavrina Inc.-Rod & Brad Dirkschneider

Vet Tech - NECC- Anna McCracken

VO Enterprises-Austin Coufal

Wealth Management Bank of Lindsay-Jenny Korth

Welding -CCC Landon Hunt

West Point Dairy -Kristin Oltrogge

Wolken Therapy-Ryan Wolken-Owner & Professor



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#### What is Nebraska's Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)? / Qué es CHIP

CHIP is health care coverage for qualified children who are without other health insurance and who do not qualify for Medicaid. Federally called the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), it provides the same services covered under Medicaid.

El programa **CHIP** es la cobertura de cuidado médico para los niños que califiquen y que no tengan ningún otro tipo de seguro médico ni sean elegibles para recibir Medicaid. Conocido al nivel federal como el Programa de Seguro Médico para Menores (CHIP), este programa proporciona lo mismos servicios cubiertos bajo Medicaid.

#### What does CHIP cover? / ¿Qué servicios cubre el programa a CHIP?

CHIP provides well care for your child in helping prevent diseases, finding and treating problems early, and maintaining good health and development.

CHIP proporciona cuidado para el bienestar de su hijo(a) al prevenir enfermedades, encontrar y tratar los problemas de manera oportuna, y mantener la buena salud y el desarrollo.

#### Regular check-ups include:

- · Baby check-ups and baby immunizations
- Yearly check-ups for school-age children
- · Immunization for school-age children
- Vision and hearing testing
- · Dental check-ups and dental sealants

#### CHIP also provides medical care for injuries and illnesses Treatment includes:

- · Doctor's visits · Medications · Hospital care
- · Lab tests/x-rays · Dental treatments · Eyeglasses
- Counseling
- Specialty services for children with disabilities or chronic health conditions
  - Mental health and substance abuse assessment and treatment services

#### Los chequeos generales incluyen:

- Chequeos y vacunas para bebés
- Chequeos anuales para menores de edad escolar
- Vacunas para menores de edad escolar
- Exámenes oculares y de oído
- · Chequeos y selladores dentales

#### CHIP también proporciona cuidado médico para lesiones y enfermedades El tratamiento incluye:

- · Citas médicas · Medicamentos · Cuidado hospitalario
- Exámenes de laboratorio/rayos x Tratamientos dentales Anteojos
- Consejería
- Servicios especializados para niños con discapacidades o condiciones de salud crónicas
- Servicios de evaluación y tratamiento para la salud mental y el abuso de sustancias ilícitas

#### Leigh Community Schools

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thr	Fri	Sat
	8 29	30	10:00 a.m. LATE START - NO AM Pre-K	5:00 p.m. JV/V SB vs Tekamati/Herman @ Dodge - PARENT'S NIGHT	Var. FB vs Humphrey/ Lindsay 7:00 p.m. @ Clarkson - Broadcast on KKOT, 93.5 FM radio & The	9:00 a.m. Girls Golf @ Oakland Invite • 9:00am: Volleyball:
			Conference, TBD  4th Gr VB practice 5-6:00	7:00 a.m. One Act Practice or PM depending on cast	Bull 107.9 FM radio 7:00 a.m. Parli Pro Practice	Clarkson-Leigh Varsity VB Tournament (Varsity) @ Clarkson
			p.m. @ Lelgh  3rd Gr VB practice @ Lelgh	5:30 p.m. Volleyball: Archbishop Bergan VB Tri (Junior Varsity) @ Fremont		
			5:15-6:30 9:00 a.m. Parll Pro Practice	<u> </u>		
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	FFA Meeting - RE: Leigh Lvstk Judging	7:00 p.m. One Act Practice	P/T Conferences 5-8:00 p.m 2:00 p.m. EARLY	5:00 p.m. C/JV/V VB vs Archangels Catholic @	Var. FB vs Newman Grove/ St. Edward 7:00 p.m. @	Homecoming Dance @ Clarkson
	6:00 p.m. C/JV VB Quad @	7:00 a.m. Parli Pro Practice	DISMISSAL	Humphrey	Leigh	SB District Finals - TBD
	Wisner		FFA - Dist. Land Judging	7:00 a.m. One Act Practice	FFA - Feed The Farmer	<u> </u>
	SB Sub Districts - TBD		4th Gr VB practice 5-6:00 p.m. @ Leigh		SB District Finals - TBD	
	Girls Golf Districts @ Quail Run, Columbus		7:00 a.m. One Act Practice		PARENT'S NIGHT - Football, Girls Golf, Dance	
	7:00 a.m. One Act Practice				HOMECOMING	
	FFA Livestock Judging Contest @ Leigh		7:00 p.m. Parli Pro Practice		CORONATION following game	
	• 4;30pm: Football: vs Howells-Dodge @ Clarkson (Junior High)				Honoring Daniel Gall induction to 8 man FB Hall of Fame along with1984 FB Championship 41st	
	● 6:00pm: Football: vs Howells-Dodge @ Clarkson (Junior Varsity)				Anniversary at halftime	
	6:00pm: Volleyball: Clarkson/Leigh @ Howells- Dodge (Junior High)					
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	Girls Golf State Championships - TBD	6:15 p.m. FCCLA Meeting  Girls Golf State	SB State Championships in Hastings	JAG - Leadership Development Conference	Var. FB @ David City 7:00 p.m.	Volleyball: East Husker Conference Volleyball Championships (Varsity
	4:30/6:00 p.m. JH/JV FB vs David City @ Clarkson	Championships - TBD	4th Gr VB practice 5-6:00 p.m. @ Leigh	SB State Championships in Hastings	SB State Championships in Hastings	Madison
	5:00 p.m. JH VB Trl. @ Clarkson	7:00 p.m. One Act Practice 7:00 a.m. Parli Pro Practice	7:00 a.m. One Act Practice	7:00 a.m. One Act Practice	4th Gr VB practice 3:45-5:15 p.m. @ Leigh	
	LEAP - after school (2nd grade)		7:00 p.m. Parli Pro Practice	Volleyball: East Husker Conference Volleyball Championships (Varsity)	End 1st Quarter	
	7:00 a.m. One Act Practice (maybe evening?)			Namerona a degradorimo de del BENSUNA Aliana (COLO), a comuna a comuna a ser		
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	SB State Championship Finals in Omaha	7:00 a.m. One Act Practice	FFA - State Land Judging	2:30-4:30 p.m. Staff Flu Shot Clinic	NO SCHOOL - FALL BREAK	
	7:00 p.m. One Act Practice	5:00pm: Volleyball: Oakland-Craig @ Clarkson (C Team)	7:00 a,m. One Act Practice - if needed	1st Round FB Playoffs -		
	7:00 a.m. Parli Pro Practice	6:30pm: Volleyball:	7:00 p.m. Parli Pro Practice	TBD		
	Midland Honor Choir	Oakland-Craig @ Clarkson (Junior Varsity)		7:00 a.m. One Act Practice (depending on FB, may be		
		7:30pm; Volleyball: Oakland-Craig @ Clarkson (Varsity)		PM)		
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	VB Sub Districts - TBD	VB Sub Districts - TBD	National FFA Convention in Indianapolis	National FFA Convention in Indianapolis	National FFA Convention in Indianapolis	
)	7:00 a.m. or p.m One Act Practice (depending on VB)	7:00 a.m. or p.m One Act Practice (depending on VB)	VB Sub Districts - TBD	7:00 p.m. One Act Practice	2nd Round FB Playoffs - TBD	
			7:00 a.m. One Act Practice		7:00 a.m. One Act Practice	1

# OCTOBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Milk is included with all menus	All Breakfasts include fruit or juice	1  LATE START-NO BRKFST  L: Burritos & Refried Beans	2 BR: Burrito L: Philly Steak Sandwich & French Fries	3  BR: Apple Fritter  L: Breakfast Sandwich &  Hash Brown	4
បា	6 BR: Cereal & Toast L: Chicken Alfredo, Garlic Bread, Broccoli	7 BR: Breakfast Sandwich L: Taco	8 BR: Bagel Bites L: Potato Bowl	9 BR: Omelet, Hash Brown, Toast L: McRib, California Blend	10 BR: Apple Turnover L: Hot Ham & Cheese, French Fries	11
12	13 BR: Pretzel & Cheese L: Chicken Nuggets, Mac & Cheese, Beans	14 BR: Tornado L: Spaghetti, Garlic Bread	15 BR: Long John L: Chicken Bacon Ranch Pizza	16 BR: Uncrustable L: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes	17 BR: French Toast Sticks L: Chicken Patty/Bun, French Fries	18
19	20  BR: Cherry Turnover L: Salisbury Steak, Baked Potato, Green Beans	21  BR: Sausage, Pancake on a  Stick L: Chicken Fajita	22  BR: Cinnamon Roll  L: Chicken Fried Steak,  Mashed Potatoes, Corn	23  BR: Scrambled Eggs, Hash Brown, Sausage L: Sub Sandwich, Chips	24 NO SCHOOL	25
26	27 BR: Churro L: French Toast Sticks, Sausage, Hash Brown	28  BR: Muffin  L: Breaded Pork, Mashed  Potatoes, Corn	29 BR: Biscuit & Gravy L: Tater Tot Casserole	30 BR: Rice Krispie Bar L: Hamburger, Chips, Beans	31  BR: Breakfast Sandwich L: Corn Dog, Sweet Potato Fries	

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## From the Principal's Desk:





The 2025–26 school year is off to a strong start at Leigh Community Schools! Students have adjusted well to the new routine, and the positive energy in our classrooms and hallways has set the tone for a successful year ahead.

Patriot athletics are in full swing, with all fall sports competing hard and representing our communities well. The softball team is wrapping up their season, with district play scheduled for the second week of October. Meanwhile, football, volleyball, and girls golf are all going strong as they head into the heart of their schedules. Best of luck to both the Patriots and the Highway 91 Cyclones as they continue through the end of their seasons!

On the academic side, MAP testing has been completed, and our MTSS team will now begin analyzing that data to guide instructional decisions and provide targeted support for every student. This process plays a key

role in ensuring that all learners receive the tools they need to succeed.

Beyond athletics and academics, our student organizations are already busy preparing for upcoming events. We wish the best of luck to our FFA, FCCLA, FBLA, and JAG chapters as they showcase their skills and leadership in the weeks ahead.

e August Students of the Month were: Sadie Brabec (10), Averi Clausen (9), and Luke Eisenmann (12). ongratulations to these three students. The things they are doing for LCS and the community of Leigh are not going unnoticed.

Overall, it's been a fantastic start to the year, and we look forward to the many opportunities and accomplishments that are still to come.