

Lawrence Public Schools

All Students. One Team.

Dear School Families,

The ten-day forecast shows it warming up, so we plan to gain some momentum in the classroom during the rest of the month. I appreciate your patience and continued support during the snow, ice, and bitter cold.



Thank you to all who attended our annual ONE DREAM MLK CELEBRATION last night. I hope you too were inspired by the stellar student performances, recognition of the character and good works of our scholars, staff, and community partners; and the personal story of our guest speaker, New York Times bestselling illustrator Nikkolos Smith. Known as The Artist, Smith, pictured above, also visited several schools this week, engaging with students through his artistry and encouraging them to use their talents to better our world.

The new school board – Welcome, Anne Costello and Yolanda Franklin! – will meet Monday night to hear a Graduation Requirements and Portrait of a Graduate Report, rescheduled from Jan. 8. Please see the information below about some other important upcoming opportunities for your involvement.

You put the "public" in our public schools. We value your participation as we continue to improve, look ahead, and move forward. #497StrongerTogether

Sincerely,
Anthony S. Lewis, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools



Beyond the Boardroom

Meet with your elected school leaders "Beyond the Boardroom" from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Monday, January 29, at Billy Mills Middle School, 2734 Louisiana St. Board members look forward to visiting with you! All are welcome.

PS. Did you know it's School Board Recognition Month?



Free State and Lawrence High Parent Nights

Free State and Lawrence High Schools will each host at 6 p.m. Monday, January 29, Parent Informational Nights about the transition to high school. We invite families of students in the Class of 2028 to attend, learn about opportunities and expectations; meet school administrators, counselors, and department chairs; and get your questions answered.



Public Input Sessions About Middle School Boundaries

The Boundary Advisory Committee wants to share concepts for middle school boundary changes and hear your feedback. Attend a Public Input Session from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 31, at Lawrence High or Thursday, February 1, at Free State High. Your input will help the committee finalize its recommendation to the school board. Participants will also learn more about Liberty Memorial Central Middle School's exciting STEAM theme.



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