

# November Newsletter – 2025

Nov. 1 - Volleyball District Finals  
Nov. 2 - **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**  
Nov. 3 - **Professional Development for Staff – NO SCHOOL**  
Nov. 5 - ASVAB test  
Nov. 5-8 State Volleyball  
Nov. 7 - Football playoff – TBD  
Nov. 10 - Board meeting @ 6pm  
Nov. 11 - Veterans' Day  
Nov. 11 - One Acts Public Performance @ High School – 7pm (see flyer)  
Nov. 14 - Football playoff – TBD  
Nov. 17 - Winter Sports practices begin  
Nov. 19 - Leadership Development Event @ Chadron - TBD  
Nov. 19 - Career Cabs @ Sidney - TBD  
Nov. 21 - MAC One Acts @ Banner County - TBD  
Nov. 24 - D2 State Football – TBD  
Nov. 25 - B/G BB Jamboree @ Paxton – TBD  
Nov. 26 - **THANKSGIVING BREAK – NO SCHOOL**  
Nov. 27 - **THANKSGIVING – NO SCHOOL**  
Nov. 28 - **THANKSGIVING BREAK – NO SCHOOL**  
Dec. 2 - District One Acts @ Hyannis - TBD



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**\*ALL ACTIVITY TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE  
AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE\***

Also visit the Leyton School website @ [www.leytonwarriors.org](http://www.leytonwarriors.org)

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Proceedings of Leyton Public Schools Board of Education  
Cheyenne County School District #17-0003  
High School Library  
Board Retreat Meeting - October 1, 2025  
3:00 PM

Call to Order:

The regular board meeting of Leyton Public School District Board of Education was called to order on October 1, 2025, at 3:00 PM, in the Library of Leyton High School, Dalton, NE 69131. The Open Meetings Act was posted on the wall of the Library. Publicized notice of the meeting was posted in the Sidney Sun-Telegraph, Leyton High School, Leyton Elementary/JH, at various businesses in the community, and on the school website ([www.leytonwarriors.org](http://www.leytonwarriors.org)) on or before September 25, 2025.

Attendance taken at 3:02 PM.

Benish: Present

Mr. Ernest: Present

Mrs. Ernest: Present

Jones: Present

Schumacher: Present

Wiedeman: Present

Also present were Mr. McLaughlin and NASB's Stacie Higgins.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and there were no public comments made.

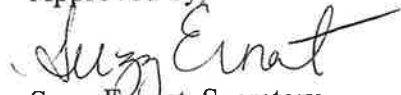
Regular Agenda:

Moved by Mrs. Ernest, seconded by Jones to approve the agenda. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea. Motion Carried Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

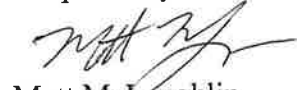
Mrs. Higgins presented to the board a review on board member expectations, roles and potential meeting format changes to include discussion items. Board member ethics as well as communication were also components of her presentation.

Moved by Wiedeman, seconded by Jones to adjourn the meeting at 4:41 PM. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Yea. Motion Carried Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

Approved by,

  
Suzy Ernest, Secretary  
Leyton Board of Education

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Matt McLaughlin,  
Recording Secretary

Proceedings of Leyton Public Schools Board of Education  
Cheyenne County School District #17-0003  
High School Library  
Committee on American Civics Meeting - October 13, 2025  
5:00 PM

Call to Order:

The regular board meeting of the Leyton Public School District Board of Education was called to order on October 13, 2025, at 5:00 PM in the Library of Leyton High School, Dalton, NE 69131. The Open Meetings Act was posted on the wall of the Library. Publicized notice of the meeting was posted in the Sidney Sun-Telegraph, Leyton High School, Leyton Elementary/JH, at various businesses in the community, and on the school website ([www.leytonwarriors.org](http://www.leytonwarriors.org)) on or before Thursday, October 9, 2025.

Attendance was taken at 5:00 PM. Members in attendance were Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Jones, Mr. Michelman, Mrs. Rathman, Mrs. Schumacher, Mrs. Ernest, Mr. Gamble, and Mrs. Kruse (visitor).

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There were no public comments made during the meeting.

Moved by Schumacher, seconded by Ernest, to approve the agenda. Motion Carried Yea 6, Nay: 0.

Reports:

Mr. McLaughlin provided the results of the Naturalization assessment taken by 8<sup>th</sup> graders and then again by outgoing seniors.

Regular Agenda:

5.1: The Social Studies curriculum was reviewed by the committee with an update on the state standards that are due this spring.

5.2: The committee reviewed the use of formative, interim, and summative assessments used in Social Studies instruction at Leyton Public Schools pursuant to section 79-760.01.

5.3: Patriotic Exercises at various grade levels, such as George Washington's birthday, Abraham Lincoln's birthday, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, Native American Heritage Day, Constitution Day, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving Day were discussed and reviewed by the committee.

5.4: The committee reviewed courses required in high school pursuant to section 79-760.01 to ensure compliance with the requirements of the state of Nebraska.

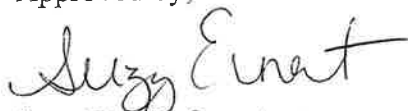
Informational Items:

Next Meeting: April 13, 2025, at 5:00 PM

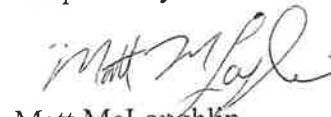
Adjournment:

Moved by Schumacher, seconded by Mr. Jones, to adjourn the meeting at 5:19 PM. Motion carried Yea 7, Nay: 0

Approved by,

  
Suzy Ernest, Secretary  
Leyton Board of Education

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Matt McLaughlin,  
Recording Secretary

Proceedings of Leyton Public Schools Board of Education  
Cheyenne County School District #17-0003  
High School Library  
Regular Board Meeting - October 13, 2025  
6:00 PM

**Call to Order:**

The regular board meeting of Leyton Public School District Board of Education was called to order on October 13, 2025, at 6:04 PM, in the Library of Leyton High School, Dalton, NE 69131. The Open Meetings Act was posted on the wall of the Library. Publicized notice of the meeting was posted in the Sidney Sun-Telegraph, Leyton High School, Leyton Elementary/JH, at various businesses in the community, and on the school website ([www.leytonwarriors.org](http://www.leytonwarriors.org)) on or before Thursday, October 9, 2025.

Attendance taken at 6:05 PM.

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| Benish:      | Present |
| Mr. Ernest:  | Present |
| Mrs. Ernest: | Present |
| Jones:       | Present |
| Schumacher:  | Present |
| Wiedeman:    | Absent  |

Also present were Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Jones, Janella Kruse, Alison Haley, Natasha Haupt, and Macey Roelle.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and there were no public comments or communication to the board at the meeting.

Moved by Benish, seconded by Mr. Ernest, to approve the agenda. Roll Call vote: Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Benish: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent. Motion Carried Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

**Reports:**

Macey Roelle presented the Student Council report to the board.

The Committee on American Civics reported to the board about its meeting, which was held prior to the board meeting. Curriculum, patriotic activities, and assessments were discussed as part of their presentation.

Mr. Jones and Mr. McLaughlin presented their administrative reports to the board.

**Regular Agenda:**

Moved by Schumacher, seconded by Jones, to excuse Mr. Wiedeman from the board meeting. Roll Call vote: Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent. Motion Carried Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Moved by Benish, seconded by Mr. Ernest, to recognize the Volleyball tournament helpers for the four-team tournament held at Dalton, as well as the JH MAC volleyball tournament; and the maintenance staff for their work on the grounds. Roll Call vote: Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent. Motion Carried Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Moved by Mrs. Ernest, seconded by Benish, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on September 15, 2025, the Board of Education Budget Hearing Meeting on September 15, 2025, the Tax Request Hearing on September 15, 2025, and the Board Retreat on October 1, 2025. Roll Call vote: Schumacher: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent. Motion Carried Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Moved by Mrs. Ernest, seconded by Jones, to approve the claims, warrants, and transfers. Roll Call vote: Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent. Motion Carried Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Moved by Schumacher, seconded by Benish, to approve the purchase of a Walker mower at a rate of \$17,560.30. Roll Call vote: Mr. Ernest: Nay, Mrs. Ernest: Nay, Jones: Nay, Schumacher: Yea, Benish: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent. Motion Failed Yea: 2, Nay: 3, Absent: 1.

Moved by Benish, seconded by Ernest, to pass a resolution to set our capacities at PreK-5: 18 students per class, 6th-8th Grade: 20 students per class, 9th-12<sup>th</sup>: 28 students per class, for a total of 298 students PreK-12. Roll Call vote: Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent. Motion Carried Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Moved by Schumacher, seconded by Jones, to approve the updated Danielson teacher evaluation model as presented. Roll Call vote: Jones: Yea, Schumacher: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent. Motion Carried Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Informational Items:

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, November 10, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the High School Library.

Adjournment

Moved by Jones, seconded by Benish, to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 PM. Roll Call vote: Schumacher: Yea, Benish: Yea, Mr. Ernest: Yea, Mrs. Ernest: Yea, Jones: Yea, Wiedeman: Absent. Motion Carried Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Approved by,



Suzy Ernest, Secretary  
Leyton Board of Education

Respectfully Submitted,



Matt McLaughlin,  
Recording Secretary

| Leyton Public Schools - Payable Journal - October 2025 |                     |              |                             |                    |              |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Almost Free Towing                                     | Service             | \$ 425.00    | National Art Supplies       | Supplies           | \$ 170.90    |
| Black Hills Energy                                     | Utilities           | \$ 665.54    | Nebraska Notary Association | Service            | \$ 168.32    |
| Capital Business                                       | Copiers             | \$ 2,172.74  | Nebraska Safety Center      | Training           | \$ 520.00    |
| CNN Electrical                                         | Repairs & Maint.    | \$ 655.99    | Nebraskaland Tire           | Repairs & Maint.   | \$ 90.00     |
| Cranmore Pest Control                                  | Service             | \$ 140.00    | Shawn Oakes                 | Mileage            | \$ 159.60    |
| Lindie DeBlois                                         | Mileage             | \$ 134.40    | One Source                  | Service            | \$ 15.00     |
| Dell                                                   | Supplies            | \$ 214.98    | Panhandle Public Health     | Inspection         | \$ 587.00    |
| Demco                                                  | Supplies            | \$ 60.24     | Perry Law Firm              | Legal Services     | \$ 3,625.00  |
| ESU #13                                                | Services            | \$ 11,318.58 | Planbook                    | Subscription       | \$ 468.00    |
| Finney's                                               | Supplies            | \$ 306.14    | Rapid Fire Protection       | Inspection         | \$ 840.50    |
| Franklin Covey                                         | Training            | \$ 3,797.40  | Megan Rathman               | Supplies           | \$ 43.94     |
| Frenchmen Valley                                       | Fuel                | \$ 3,029.76  | Red Brick Resources         | Library Books      | \$ 423.62    |
| Cody Gamble                                            | Mileage             | \$ 168.00    | Regional Care Inc.          | Service            | \$ 30.00     |
| Jaecee Gotfrey                                         | Mileage             | \$ 37.80     | Royal Flush                 | Repairs & Maint.   | \$ 400.00    |
| Gurley Diesel                                          | Repairs & Maint.    | \$ 4,666.23  | Heidi Rushman               | Mileage            | \$ 67.00     |
| Wendy Hansen                                           | Mileage             | \$ 92.40     | School Nurse Supply         | Supplies           | \$ 220.96    |
| Highline                                               | Telephone           | \$ 696.44    | SRMC - Hospital             | OT Services        | \$ 1,877.80  |
| Hometown Leasing                                       | Equipment Rental    | \$ 405.12    | Sidney Sun-Telegraph        | Legal Notices      | \$ 475.23    |
| Charles Jones                                          | Mileage             | \$ 243.60    | Simmons Olsen Law Firm      | Legal Services     | \$ 82.50     |
| Faith Jones                                            | Mileage + Supplies  | \$ 154.04    | Smart Apple Media           | Library Books      | \$ 79.90     |
| Lakeview Books                                         | Library Books       | \$ 99.93     | Soar Pediatric Therapy      | PT Services        | \$ 1,143.34  |
| MARC                                                   | Supplies            | \$ 895.72    | Triple O's                  | Supplies           | \$ 72.52     |
| Master's Transportation                                | Repairs & Maint.    | \$ 5,000.00  | US Bank                     | Miscellaneous      | \$ 1,459.98  |
| Marick's Waste Disposal                                | Trash Disposal      | \$ 151.00    | Linda Victory               | Mileage & Supplies | \$ 308.89    |
| Matheson Tri-Gas                                       | Shop Supplies       | \$ 930.65    | Village of Dalton           | Utilities          | \$ 596.27    |
| McGraw-Hill                                            | Supplies            | \$ 57.12     | Village of Gurley           | Utilities          | \$ 796.45    |
| Matt McLaughlin                                        | Mileage + Telephone | \$ 290.80    | Wheat Belt                  | Utilities          | \$ 4,886.64  |
|                                                        | Column Total        | \$ 36,809.62 |                             | Column Total       | \$ 19,609.36 |
|                                                        |                     |              |                             | Monthly Total      | \$ 56,418.98 |



I hope this message finds you well as we are moving through this academic year. I want to focus our collective energy on a simple yet profound concept: **change starts with me.**

Look around at the results we are currently getting at Leyton—in the classroom, on the field, on the stage, and in our community interactions. The truth is, the system we have in place is perfectly designed to produce the results we are getting. If we want things to improve and reach even greater heights, then every single person—student, staff member, and community member—needs to embrace the importance of personal accountability.

If you want to get better at **reading, math, science, public speaking**, or any **sport**, the only person who can truly unlock that improvement is you. As the great innovator Henry Ford once said, "Whether you think you can or you can't, you're right." This isn't about blaming; it's about empowerment. It's about recognizing that you hold the power to change your trajectory.

Setting and achieving goals is one of the hardest and most rewarding parts of life. Think about the last significant goal you set for yourself—losing ten pounds, running a marathon, earning a degree. To reach that goal, you had to ask yourself:

- What **changes** do I have to make?
- What **behaviors** do I need to change?
- What **new behaviors** need to increase?

The amazing thing about our lives is that we have the potential to accomplish almost anything we commit our minds to, but the change has to begin with us.

I have the privilege of witnessing the extraordinary potential of our students firsthand—at sporting events, concerts, plays, speech meets, quiz bowls, and in their classrooms. We have great students, a dedicated staff, and a supportive community. So, how can we get even better? The answer is **leadership**.

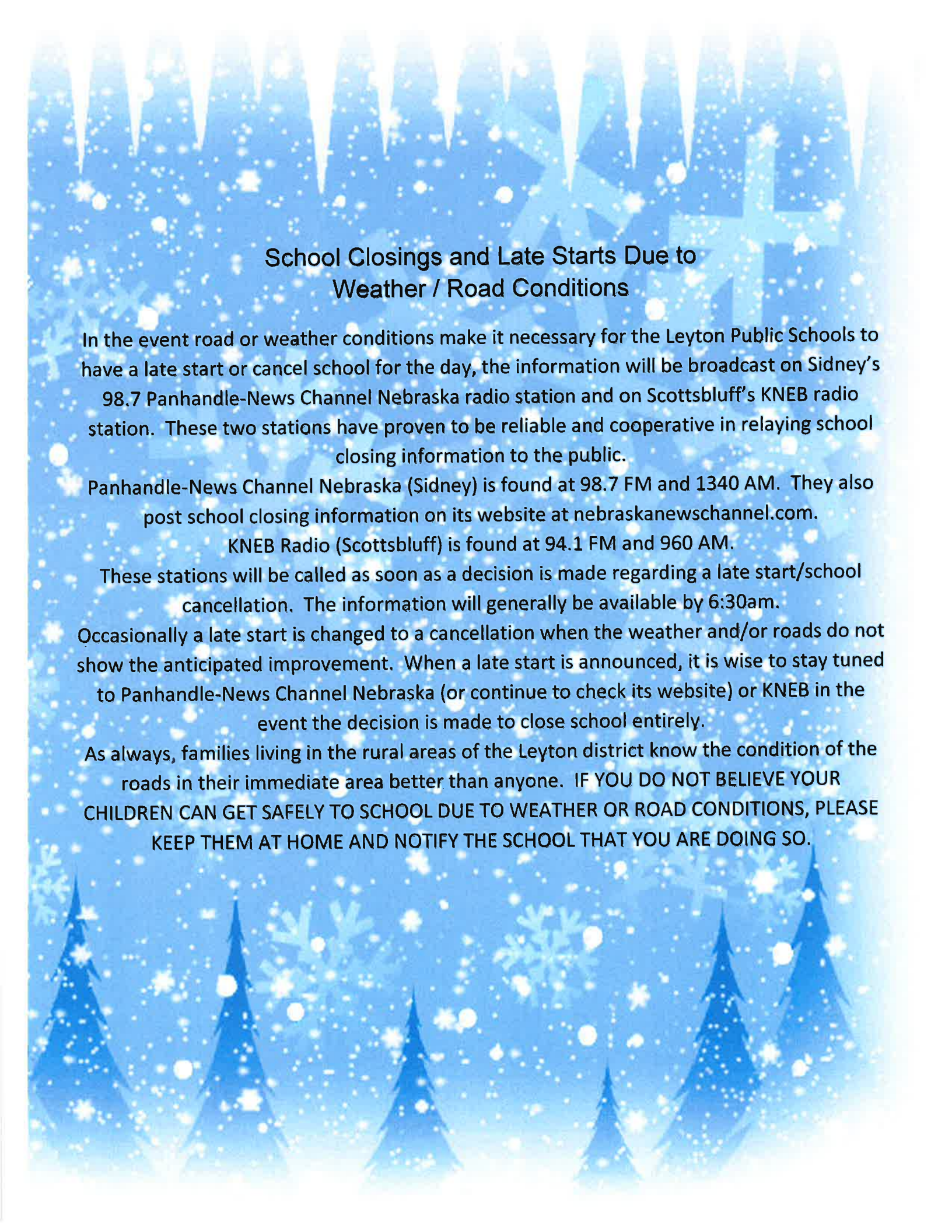
**"Leadership is communicating people's worth and potential so clearly that they come to see it in themselves."** Our school is not meant to be a place where we settle for what we already have; it is meant to inspire our youth to reach great heights. This leadership is not reserved for a select few; it is a mindset for all of us.

With roughly **80 days** remaining until the new year, I challenge our entire Leyton community: **Don't wait until January 1st to make a resolution.** Let's start now.

- **As a student**, what immediate commitment can you make in these next 80 days that will undeniably move you forward in your academic or personal goals? This could be a commitment to 30 minutes of focused study each night, participating in an extra-curricular activity, or asking one question in every class.
- **As an adult**, how can you impact our kids' lives in the next 80 days to help them on this journey? Can you dedicate time to mentorship, volunteer at a school event, or simply ask a student about their goals and encourage them to persevere?

What things can **you** do right now to prioritize your goals and model the change you want to see? The leadership we seek begins with the change we are willing to initiate in ourselves.

Matt McLaughlin  
Superintendent



## School Closings and Late Starts Due to Weather / Road Conditions

In the event road or weather conditions make it necessary for the Leyton Public Schools to have a late start or cancel school for the day, the information will be broadcast on Sidney's 98.7 Panhandle-News Channel Nebraska radio station and on Scottsbluff's KNEB radio station. These two stations have proven to be reliable and cooperative in relaying school closing information to the public.

Panhandle-News Channel Nebraska (Sidney) is found at 98.7 FM and 1340 AM. They also post school closing information on its website at [nebraskanewschannel.com](http://nebraskanewschannel.com).

KNEB Radio (Scottsbluff) is found at 94.1 FM and 960 AM.

These stations will be called as soon as a decision is made regarding a late start/school cancellation. The information will generally be available by 6:30am.

Occasionally a late start is changed to a cancellation when the weather and/or roads do not show the anticipated improvement. When a late start is announced, it is wise to stay tuned to Panhandle-News Channel Nebraska (or continue to check its website) or KNEB in the event the decision is made to close school entirely.

As always, families living in the rural areas of the Leyton district know the condition of the roads in their immediate area better than anyone. IF YOU DO NOT BELIEVE YOUR CHILDREN CAN GET SAFELY TO SCHOOL DUE TO WEATHER OR ROAD CONDITIONS, PLEASE KEEP THEM AT HOME AND NOTIFY THE SCHOOL THAT YOU ARE DOING SO.

# **Leyton One Acts**

presents



**It's time for Jacob to make some changes....  
and Charlie is just the "ghost" to help him!**

**Tuesday, November 11, 2025**

**Leyton High School**

**7:00pm**

**Adults: \$5.00**

**Students: \$4.00**

**Seniors: \$3.00**

**(no activity cards please)**

**\*\*Veterans free\*\***

**Thank you to everyone who  
donated fresh veggies to the  
kitchen in Gurley for our salad  
bar!**

**It is greatly appreciated!**





| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Monday                                                    | Tuesday                                              | Wednesday                                                          | Thursday                                                             | Friday                                                         | Saturday |
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| <b>WELCOME TO THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR!!</b><br>Students must take at least ½ cup fruit or vegetable on their tray. Unlimited fruit and vegetables are offered daily. Flavored skim and 1% white milk is offered daily. An assortment of fresh and canned fruit are available every morning as well as fruit juice up to twice a week with breakfast. The school district provides a food service program that is designed to provide adequate nutrition and an educational experience for students. Leyton Public Schools is an equal opportunity employer and provider. |                                                           |                                                      |                                                                    |                                                                      |                                                                |          |
| **Menus are subject to change**                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                           |                                                      |                                                                    |                                                                      |                                                                |          |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | NO SCHOOL                                                 | B: Yogurt, bagel<br>L: Ckn tenders, French fries     | B: Biscuits & gravy<br>L: Walking Tacos, corn                      | B: Pancakes & Sausage<br>L: Ckn Nuggets, Mac & ch., mixed vegetables | B: Sausage & Cheese bagel<br>L: Pulled pork sand., baked beans |          |
| 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 10                                                        | 11                                                   | 12                                                                 | 13                                                                   | 14                                                             | 15       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | B: Cheese Omelet, muffin<br>L: Goulash, peas              | B: PBJ<br>L: Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, roll  | B: Brk. Burrito<br>L: Ckn. Bacon ranch wrap<br>Calif. mix veg.     | B: Scrambled eggs, mini muffin<br>L: Pizza, carrots                  | B: Bisc. & Gravy<br>L: Gr. Cheese, tomato soup                 |          |
| 16                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 17                                                        | 18                                                   | 19                                                                 | 20                                                                   | 21                                                             | 22       |
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| 23                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 24                                                        | 25                                                   | 26                                                                 | 27                                                                   | 28                                                             | 29       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | B: Brk. Burrito<br>L: Ckn Sand. green beans               | B: Pancakes, sausage<br>L: Beefy nachos, rice & corn | NO SCHOOL                                                          | THANKSGIVING BREAK                                                   | NO SCHOOL                                                      |          |
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