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An Exciting Journey Ahead

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our entire school community for launching the 2023-2024 school year with such enthusiasm and commitment! This fall semester has been nothing short of exceptional, with nearly 13,000 students in preK-12 showcasing their unique talents and contributions, making Liberty Public Schools a vibrant and innovative community of learning. As we set our sights on the future and the exciting prospects it holds for us this school year, I want to share some exciting updates that highlight the collaborative spirit at the core of our journey.

Revolutionizing Learning Environments
Thanks to the unwavering support of our LPS community and the overwhelming approval of our no-tax-increase bond issue in April 2023, we’re thrilled to announce that around $100 million worth of groundbreaking construction projects are officially in progress throughout our district. Those who have visited the Liberty High School campus this fall have likely seen the new tennis courts, a testament to our commitment to providing world-class facilities for our students. Additionally, Liberty High School and Liberty North High School are preparing to unveil state-of-the-art artificial turf baseball and softball fields in the spring/summer of 2024. Excitingly, we’re in the planning stages of expansions at South Valley Middle School, Discovery Middle School, and EPiC Elementary, coupled with extensive renovations across our existing facilities. Groundbreaking for these projects will commence in 2024. Funds from the bond issue will also be dedicated to essential HVAC unit upgrades and facility enhancements across the district. Our goal is to complete all projects within the next 4-5 years. For an in-depth look at all ongoing projects, please visit our LPS website at www.lps53.org and navigate to the "Bond Update" section in the upper right-hand corner of the homepage.

Charting a Collaborative Course Forward
Developing a strategic roadmap for our organization’s success is paramount. Our dedicated team has spent years crafting Liberty Public Schools’ strategic plan. The plan’s success is a testament to the wealth of input we gathered from our valued stakeholders nearly five years ago. As we fast forward to the fall/winter of 2023-2024, it’s time for us to renew our commitment to engaging our community in shaping the next 4-5 years of our journey in Liberty Public Schools. We invite you to stay closely connected with us in the weeks ahead as we offer numerous opportunities for all stakeholders to participate in surveys, focus groups, community meetings, and various engagement platforms. Together, we’ll craft the future that we envision for our students and community.

In conclusion, we can’t thank our community enough for the unwavering support and trust you place in us each day. Our schools continue to be leaders in innovation and achievement, and we remain steadfast in our commitment to making our community proud.

Be Well!

Dr. M. Jeremy Tucker,
Superintendent - Liberty Public Schools
In Liberty Public Schools, several social media platforms that we have in place provide us with the opportunity to tell our story. One of these platforms is X (formerly Twitter), where we share updates daily. Provided are some posts that were shared this semester to help tell the LPS story. In addition, you will find all of our school X handles and hashtags below, and we encourage you to give them a follow!

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The Liberty 53 Board of Education is among 17 Missouri school boards earning the Missouri School Boards’ Association's 2023 Governance Team Award. This prestigious award is based on the outstanding commitment of the school board and superintendent to ongoing professional development in effective governance practices. The award also recognizes their commitment to regional and statewide leadership and to active participation in legislative advocacy for public schools and the students they serve.

The school board in each awarded district achieved the following criteria:

- The district is fully accredited.
- All seven school board members completed the Essential new board member certification from MSBA.
- All seven board members fulfilled the Refresher Training requirement for the current year through MSBA.
- At least two board members attained the Advanced level of certification from MSBA.
- At least one board member attained the Master level of certification.
- At least a quorum of the board and the superintendent attended the 2022 MSBA Annual Conference and a regional meeting during the past year.
- A representative attended the 2023 MSBA Advocacy Day.
- A board member representative participated in MSBA's Delegate Assembly.

The school boards and superintendents receiving the award were recognized during MSBA's Summer Summit held in June 2023 in Branson, Missouri. The Missouri School Boards’ Association is a not-for-profit association that exists to help school boards ensure all students succeed.

Virtual Coffee with the Community Series Returns

During the 2023-2024 school year, Liberty Public Schools will once again be providing monthly community engagement opportunities for our stakeholders to learn more about various happenings taking place in the district. This year, these events will be presented virtually on our LPS Facebook page as part of Facebook LIVE. They will also be available for viewing in archived format on Facebook and YouTube in the days following.

The schedule for the 2023-2024 school year is provided below.

**Thursday, September 14, 2023**  
Topic: State of the District Update  
Presenter: Superintendent Dr. Jeremy Tucker

**Thursday, October 12, 2023**  
Topic: Safety and Security Update  
Presenter: Director of Safety and Security Gary Majors

**Thursday, November 9, 2023**  
Topic: Facilities/Construction Update  
Presenter(s): Chief Operations Officer Steve Anderson

**Thursday, December 14, 2023**  
Topic: Department of Innovation and Learning Update  
Presenter(s): Assistant Superintendent Dr. Julie Moore

**Thursday, January 18, 2024**  
Topic: Department of Student Equity and Access Update  
Presenter(s): Assistant Superintendent Dr. Andrea Dixon-Seahorn

**Thursday, February 22, 2023**  
Topic: Department of Human Resources Update  
Presenter(s): Assistant Superintendent Dr. Sarah Marriott

**Thursday, April 25, 2024**  
Topic: State of the District Update  
Presenter(s): Superintendent Dr. Jeremy Tucker
Liberty Public Schools has officially launched its newest communication/engagement platform with the premiere of the official District podcast titled, In the Loop with LPS. Our superintendent, Dr. Jeremy Tucker, was the first guest of the podcast that was shared Wednesday, August 23, 2023. A new podcast is shared twice per month throughout the regular school year, and can be found wherever you listen to podcasts, including Spotify, Apple, and Amazon.

“We are excited to provide our stakeholders with yet another opportunity to engage with us,” said LPS Director of Communications and podcast host Dallas Ackerman. “These conversations allow us to go further in-depth with our guests, while also providing opportunities for listeners to ask questions and participate in the conversations. Based on some of the early reactions, it appears that many in our school community appreciate the efforts to provide this platform.”

All of the podcasts from this semester are archived and can be accessed by visiting any of the platforms listed above by simply entering “In the Loop with LPS” in the search bar.
In what has become a tradition with Liberty High School homecoming activities, Blue Jay Nation officially welcomed members of the 2023 Liberty High School Hall of Fame class back home for induction on Friday, October 13, 2023. This year, a total of six individuals joined the prestigious list of honorees. They were selected for not only their contributions during respective tenures at Liberty High School, but their contributions to society following graduation from LHS. We would like to introduce you to this year’s hall of fame class, and we congratulate each of them on this amazing accomplishment!

Mr. Charles W. “Charlie” Lee graduated in 1963 and excelled in football, basketball, and track & field. But it was football that became his passion and led to life full of personal achievements and a career made for storybooks. After graduation, Lee attended Northern Arizona University where he played running back and was co-captain. In 1984, Lee was inducted into the Northern Arizona University Athletics Hall of Fame.

In 1969, Lee was hired as assistant football coach and assistant track coach at Central High School in KCMO. He was promoted to head coach of both programs in 1970 and the track & field team went on to win 3 MSHSAA state titles. In 1973, he was hired as an assistant football coach at Northwest Missouri State where he spent the 1973 season. Lee attended Northern Arizona University where he played running back and was co-captain. In 1984, Lee was inducted into the Northern Arizona University Athletics Hall of Fame.

In 1981, Lee was hired away from Texas to become offensive backfield coach on the staff of new Denver Broncos head coach Dan Reeves. Lee was the first black coach hired in the history of the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association.

Lee was hired as a backfield coach and recruiter at Arizona under head coach Jim Young in February 1974 for 3 seasons. His last college stop was at the University of Texas where the Longhorns played in 4 bowl games from 1977-1981 and he coached the 29 Texas players taken in the 1983 and 1984 NFL drafts!

In 1981, Lee was hired away from Texas to become offensive backfield coach on the staff of new Denver Broncos head coach Dan Reeves. Lee was the first black coach hired in the history of the franchise. Over his 18-year NFL career, the Broncos won 5 AFC Championships and 2 Super Bowls.

After leaving the Broncos, Lee returned “home” and taught social studies at South Valley Middle School for 14 years until retiring in 2015.

Ms. Lorretta Houston Strawn, also known professionally as Lori Tucker, graduated in 1964. She is an icon in the Kansas City jazz scene and performs regularly in the area including right here in Liberty at Johnnie’s Jazz Bar and Grille!

Lorretta knew from age five that she wanted to sing and started by singing in her church choir. She also sang in a gospel trio with her mother and brother. At Liberty High School, she was selected for A Cappella Choir her freshman year, which was quite an accomplishment at the time. The choir participated in local and state music contests. Per the 1963 LHS Spectator yearbook, other high school activities included Glee Club, Pep Club, and Future Homemakers of America.

Lorretta is a versatile vocalist and entrepreneur with expressive vocals that have enabled her to hold long term engagements in many of Kansas City’s finest venues. In addition to R&B, jazz, and blues she’s widely recognized in the gospel arena. She has also performed the National Anthem for many civic and sporting events, including the Los Angeles Lakers and the Kansas City Royals. Lorretta was co-owner of Grace Audio/Video Enterprises, LLC and a member of the award-winning vocal group, The Wild Women of Kansas City. Her band, The Lori Tucker Ensemble, recently ended an eleven year run playing Friday nights at The Intercontinental Hotel on The Plaza.

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Ms. Deanna “Dee” Bratcher Mallams graduated in 1970. She was active with the Spectator yearbook, Student Council, Quill and Scroll Club, National Honor Society, Future Teachers of America, Pep Club, French Club, and Girl’s Athletic Club. She was also Sports Editor of The Liberty Bell school newspaper.

Dee attended Missouri State University where she received a BS in Education and was part of the Missouri State National Championship Women’s Softball Team in 1974. She later received her MS in Exercise Science from Kansas State University. She was employed by the Liberty Public Schools for 31 years, retiring in 2008.

Dee actively participated in the Missouri Association of Health Physical Education and Recreation where she conducted many workshops for physical educators through the association, and also attended and volunteered with the host committee for the National AAHPERD conventions in Kansas City and St Louis. She has volunteered with voter registration drives and many school district bond and levy elections.

Dee embodies all the qualities of a leader. Not only did she thrive in her school years as a Blue Jay, the number of young women that she empowered, supported, and educated as a teacher and coach in the Liberty schools cannot be measured. She inspired many young women and impacted young teachers as a mentor with a welcoming presence to LPS and the Liberty area. Words cannot describe the impact Dee Mallams has had on her colleagues and the young women of Liberty.

Dee resides in Liberty and has 5 children and 7 grandchildren.
Mr. Lyndell Brenton graduated in 1973 as the first class of the “new” high school on Blue Jay Drive. He was Student Council Class President, played tennis, and was in the marching band. Today, he is a selfless public servant having given 27+ years of service to the City of Liberty.

Lyndell earned his bachelor's degrees in business administration and accounting from William Jewell College and a master's in business administration from the University of Missouri - Kansas City. He was elected to the Liberty City Council in 1997, and Mayor in 2013 where he served 5 consecutive, 2-year terms.

Beyond his service to Liberty as Mayor and Council member, Brenton served as the chairman of the city's budget committee since its inception in 2009. He also served on the Tax Increment Finance (TIF) Commission for 16 years before being elected Mayor.

Mr. Brenton is semi-retired after a 40-year business career, including 32 years with KCP&L (now Evergy) in senior management focused in the areas of finance, business and strategic planning, budgeting, accounting, financial forecasting, and fiscal analysis. He remains active in the Liberty community, serving on the boards of the Liberty Economic Development Corporation and Liberty Meals on Wheels.

Lyndell is married to his high school sweetheart Roxann Davis Brenton (c/o 1972.) Both of their children, Caitlin Davis Brenton DeSalvo (LHS 2004) and Cameron Lyndell Brenton (LHS 2006) along with their daughter-in-law Jessica Lynn Wynne Brenton (LHS 2007) are all graduates of Liberty High School.

Mr. Kevin E. Houston graduated in 1977. He was an outstanding athlete in football, basketball, and baseball and is regarded as one of the most talented three-sport athletes to ever don the Blue Jay uniform.

In fact, Kevin may be one of the best three-sport athletes in Missouri high school sports history as he earned All-Conference honors in all 3 sports. As a football player, Kevin played the positions running back, defensive back, punter, kicker, and returner and in 1975 led LHS to win its first conference football championship in 40 years! In 1976 he led LHS basketball to an unbeaten regular season before losing in sectionals. In MSHSAA baseball records, Kevin ranks 6th in most shutouts in a career (6), 6th in lowest earned run average (0.995), and after 45 years still holds 4 Liberty High School baseball records including:
- Most Wins in a Career (21)
- Most Strikeouts in a Career (256)
- Lowest ERA in a Season (0.72) in 1977
- Lowest ERA in a Career (0.955)

He earned 1st Team All-Conference honors in both 1976 & 1977 as a pitcher/outfielder as Liberty won the Small Six Conference Championship in both seasons. Kevin was drafted in the 3rd round of the 1977 MLB draft (66th overall) by the Houston Astros. He played as an outfielder and starting pitcher for 6 seasons in the Houston Astros and Pittsburgh Pirates organizations.

Kevin currently resides in Jacksonville, FL.

Mr. Ben Blanton graduated in 2000. At Liberty High School, Ben was well-liked and respected by teachers, coaches, and peers alike as evidenced by his various awards and nominations to groups such as Student Council and Boys State.

Ben played football (all-conference) and baseball (all-conference, all-state) at LHS and participated in Student Council, Young Life, and National Honor Society. He went on to attend William Jewell College where he studied business and art. He was a scholar athlete - four-time all-conference, two-time all-region, and two-time all American baseball player. He was awarded the Jewell male athlete of the year in 2004 and 2005, and was the recipient of the R.E. "Dad" Bowles Award in 2005 (sportsmanship, leadership, perseverance, and dedication.) Following a successful college baseball career at William Jewell, he was drafted to play professional baseball by the Philadelphia Phillies, where he played for two years in their minor league system. He was inducted into the William Jewell Hall of Fame in 2015.

From volunteering with Young Life in the Northland, to playing baseball with Athletes in Action, and eventually pursuing mission work overseas, Ben has made helping others a priority. His desire to share his faith, while building relationships and supporting others around him are all core aspects of Ben's character.

Ben is employed by Spencer Financial. He recently moved back to Liberty after spending 7 years in Turkey as a missionary. He is married to Mary Beth and has 4 children – Parker (14), Jack (12), Noah (10), and Annabelle (4). He enjoys family time, coaching his children’s sports teams, and outdoor adventures.

Thank you to our One Blue Jay Nation and the Liberty community for supporting and recognizing these honorees. Congratulations to the 2023 LHS Hall of Fame Class.
As we welcomed back our nearly 13,000 students for the official start of the 2023-2024 school year Wednesday, August 23, 2023, there were several new faces greeting staff, students, and families from the Safety and Security team. Over the course of the summer, a total of 14 additional armed safety and security officers were hired. These additions now allow for LPS to have dedicated officers readily available to serve all of our campuses.

"The safety of our students and staff while at school continues to be our top priority in Liberty Public Schools," said LPS Chief Operations Officer Steve Anderson. "We have been able to make significant upgrades to our campuses over the past decade. This addition of these personnel only enhances our efforts and commitment to ensuring all students and staff are safe while at school."

The additions to the LPS safety and security team were in large part made possible by the successful bond initiative and passage of the levy transfer in April 2023. The LPS Board of Education’s endorsement of the most recent safety and security plan included reference to the community’s desire to enhance the district’s safety and security efforts, which was shared by the community most recently as part of the long range planning process.

Each new security officer was introduced to their respective building communities when classes began in August. Each officer appointed brings with them significant law enforcement and/or military experience. In addition to being a valuable safety and security resource to building administration, the officers will be a valuable member of the school staff and also serve in roles of mentoring and educating students.

"We are excited to have these individuals join our LPS team, and know that they will each be a valuable member of our school communities," said Liberty Public Schools Director of Safety and Security Gary Majors. "We have spent a great deal of time developing plans on how to best train our team so that they can best serve their schools. They will be a tremendous resource for our staff, students, and families, and we look forward to the many benefits that they will provide for our district."
Our District at a Glance

12,141 STUDENTS K–12
249 STUDENTS PRE-K

85 SQUARE MILES WITHIN DISTRICT BORDERS
268 BUS ROUTES DAILY
6,126 STUDENTS TRANSPORTED DAILY
1,176,801 MILES TRAVELED ANNUALLY

WHERE OUR STUDENTS RESIDE
BY HOME ADDRESS
55.4% KC
43% LIBERTY
1.3% KEARNY
1% GLENNAIRE
.2% OTHER

83% OF OUR TEACHERS HAVE 5+ YEARS OF CLASSROOM EXP.
86% OF OUR TEACHERS HOLD A MASTERS DEGREE OR HIGHER

AVERAGE TEACHER’S SALARY $61,000

1.1 MIL LUNCHES SERVED ANNUALLY
6,562 LUNCHES SERVED DAILY
2,636 FREE & REDUCED LUNCH STUDENTS
19.55% FREE & REDUCED LUNCH STUDENTS

58% LOCAL
38% STATE
4% FEDERAL

AVG. ANNUAL COST PER STUDENT $13,323

93% GRADUATION RATE
69% OF OUR GRADUATES ATTEND A 2-4 YR COLLEGE

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