



# Central Lake Public Schools

## Board Brief



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### State of the District Letter November 2025

Dear Central Lake Families,

As we move into the heart of the fall season, I'm pleased to share an update on the many wonderful things happening across Central Lake Public Schools. The first marking period wrapped up on October 17, 2025, and we're quickly approaching the end of the first semester, which concludes on December 19th. All secondary exams will take place before Winter Break, scheduled for December 22 through January 2, 2026. Students will return to school on Monday, January 5, 2026.

Recently, the National Honor Society hosted a highly successful blood drive with strong community participation, and our elementary students presented a touching Veterans Day assembly that honored our local heroes. Academically, our elementary staff have been diligently implementing the new HMH curriculum while also conducting a comprehensive curriculum audit to ensure our students continue to receive high-quality instruction.

At the secondary level, staff have been collaborating on planning for the Trojan Trek program, which will take place this spring and promises to be an enriching experience for students.

Equally important, the Board of Education continues its focus on leadership and community engagement. The Board has participated in governance workshops and will soon begin a Strategic Planning process involving staff, students, parents, and community members. Multiple sessions will be offered to ensure that every stakeholder has the opportunity to help shape the future of Central Lake Public Schools.

From a facilities standpoint, the District is currently in the Bond Design Phase, with Series I expected to go out for bid soon. We are hopeful that construction will begin later this spring. Series I includes secure vestibules at both buildings, a new Community Fitness Center, and significant gym improvements.

This fall has been filled with excitement, accomplishment, and Trojan pride. Our boys' Cross Country team qualified for the State Meet, along with one individual female runner—an incredible achievement for our student-athletes. The Varsity Volleyball team advanced to the District Finals before falling to Bellaire, and our Varsity Football team also earned a spot in the playoffs, where they competed hard before ultimately succumbing to Merrill. We are proud of all our athletes and coaches for their commitment, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

We are very excited to celebrate our 2nd Hall of Fame Class – the Class of 2025. Inductees will be introduced on Friday, December 5th, at halftime of the boys basketball game, with the Hall of Fame Banquet to follow on Saturday, December 6th, beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Central Lake High School cafeteria. There is no cost to attend, and we encourage everyone to come out and show their support for these outstanding individuals who have contributed so much to our district and community. This year's inductees include Brent Coaster, Rob Heeke, Mary Hopp Eggleston, Theresa Johnson Davis, and the 2017 State Champion Football Team.

If you haven't done so already, please download the new CLPS app and sign up for notifications—this will be our primary communication tool for district updates, including those all-important snow day notifications!



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With winter sports about to begin, we hope to see our stands filled with Trojan fans cheering on our student-athletes. We also want to remind families and community members of the new Athletic Supervision Policy, released on November 12, 2025. This policy will be strictly enforced to ensure a safe and positive environment for all spectators and participants at our athletic and after-school events.

If your child needs winter gear, please don't hesitate to contact the office, and we will make sure they have what they need. We also ask for your cooperation in reinforcing the expectations for winter recess:

- Respectful: Students can build snow structures, but must respect others' creations. They are also asked to share equipment and avoid sliding into or on the buildings.
- Responsible: Students are expected to bring all their snow gear to school to enjoy the playground fully.
- Safe: Students should walk when entering the building, clean as much snow off as possible, and follow any changes to playground areas as needed for safety.

There is still much work to be done, but we are committed to continuing our hard work and dedication to making Central Lake Public Schools "Great by Choice." We appreciate your continued support and partnership as we work together to provide the best education for our students.

As we look ahead to the holiday season, I want to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and a joyful, peaceful holiday season. May the weeks ahead bring you time to relax, recharge, and celebrate with family and friends.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "RLC".

Dr. Ryan L. Cunningham, Superintendent, Central Lake Public Schools