



Ensuring Our Students Are College and/or Career Ready and Are Productive and Responsible Members of Society



FSD3 Alternative Programs

Panther Academy: PRIDE, CHOICE, & RESET

December 18, 2025



Objective: Provide context and options which will allow students an opportunity to sustain their learning and overall well-being while in an alternative educational environment.

Option A – Academic Wing in Main Building of LCHS

PROS

- Programs will be housed in a brick and mortar building
- Entire program will be in one central location
- The academic wing can be blocked off from the regular school setting
- Staff members will be able to support each other more as needed
- Families will be able to enroll in alternative programs directly after hearings if assigned
- Students will be able to participate in CTE programs leading to career readiness as prescribed by the SDE education
- Alternative administrator will be able to support students, staff and families more efficiently
- More inviting learning environments

CONS

- Scholars will be in closer proximity with LCHS students
- There will be no true separation of students

Pictures of the Academic Wing





Option B – Mobiles on the campus of LCHS

PROS

- Students will be more separated from the general population at LCHS
- Staff members will be able to support each other more as needed
- Families will be able to enroll in alternative programs directly after hearings if assigned
- Students will be able to participate in CTE programs leading to career readiness as prescribed by the SDE education
- Alternative Program administrator will be able to support students, staff and families more efficiently

CONS

- Students are located in outside mobile classrooms on the campus
- The program will be spread out with mobiles being in multiple locations

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Nelson Mandela



Review and reevaluate the
program in the
interim as well as
end of school
year.

Happy Holidays from the entire Panther Academy Family!!!





Enrollment Update 2025-2026

Schools	Enrollment				
LCECC	367				
MSE	256				
JCLES	382				
SES	389				
OMS	163				
REMJH	241				
JPT	334				
LCHS	496				
District Total	2628				



District Modernization Project with Schneider Electric

- Phase 1A completed; Phase 1B lighting installation is finished; mechanical work is on track to wrap up before Christmas.
- Phase 2: All contracts submitted; starting line sets and hangers for mini-splits at the high school after hours to speed up summer work and stay on schedule.
- All work remains on track for summer completion
- Mr. Brown recently recorded a
 video update to share upcoming
 modernization work and "before"
 footage of each school site via the
 district website and social media.



Fire Alarm Upgrades

• Johnson Controls is working with an architect and electrical engineer to provide drawings to OSF for approval. These should be completed by June 30. The remaining fire alarms will be installed after July 1, 2026.

Ward Memorial Stadium

- Upgrades to Ward Memorial Stadium were bid last week. The deadline to submit bids is January 13 at 2 p.m.
- After all bids are opened and tabulated, a general contractor will be selected before the January 15 board meeting.

Playground Equipment

New playground equipment has been installed at Scranton and Olanta. Equipment has been delivered at J.C. Lynch and demolition has begun on the old equipment. Completion is expected before the Christmas break.





Projects Tracking

Project	PO #	Safety Grant Funds (970)	Capital Improvement Funds (972)	General Funds (100)	Special Obligation Bond Funds (555)	GO/8% Bond Funds (523)	Project Total
		Grant period ends 6/30/25	Grant period ends 6/30/25		SOB funds end 3/2028		
Budget		\$332,346.62	\$545,266.08	\$3,000,000.00	\$13,343,157.87	\$495,808.60	
Fire Alarms (In District project)	51723, 51724, 51725, 51726 (LCHS, JPT, REM, LCECC)				\$2,307,314.95		\$2,307,314.95
Playground Equipment (In District project)	51213				\$200,936.83		\$200,986.83
Stadium Renovations	31213				\$200,530.83		\$200,360.63
3rd Party Inspections				\$4,470.00			\$4,470.00
Asbestos Assessment - Fieldhouse				\$2,500.00			\$2,500.00
FW Architect Fees				. ,			\$0.00
Modular Concessions/Restrooms	51474				\$354,498.00		\$354,498.00
Fieldhouse/Ticket Booths							\$0.00
Scoreboard (Bid out by District)	51700				\$258,974.00		\$258,974.00
Contractor (SOB)							\$0.00
Contractor (General)							\$0.00
Schneider Phase 2	51664						\$9,762,653.00
Lighting, HVAC, BAS	51664				\$9,148,758.00		\$9,148,758.00
Windows, Window Film	51664	\$299,948.00					\$299,948.00
MSE Gym Roof	51664		\$313,947.00				\$313,947.00
MSE Gym Painting (In District project)			\$28,166.00				\$28,166.00
LCH Gym Roof/Wall Repair (In District project)	51509		\$49,766.00				\$49,766.00
JC Lynch Marquee (In District project)	51701				\$25,054.00		
Total		\$299,948.00	\$391,879.00	\$6,970.00	\$12,295,535.78	\$0.00	

