

THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG AGENDA



City of Lynchburg
City Council and City Schools Joint Meeting
September 8, 2026 | 4:00 pm
IT Conference Room: 3550 Young Place

I. Welcome and Introductions

*Larry Taylor, Mayor
Dr. Atul Gupta, School Board Chair
Wynter C. Benda, City Manager
Dr. Kristy Somerville-Midgette, Superintendent*

II. Leadership Update

Dr. Kristy Somerville-Midgette, Superintendent

III. Capital Improvement Update

Dr. Kristy Somerville-Midgette, Superintendent

IV. Good of the Order/Closing Remarks

*Larry Taylor, Mayor
Dr. Atul Gupta, School Board Chair*



2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR ACADEMIC & OPERATIONS UPDATES

Joint City Council–School Board Work Session
September 8, 2026

Vision Statement

Growth, Opportunity, Success

Mission Statement

To empower students for future success through high-quality instruction, supportive learning environments, and experiences that connect classroom learning to real-world opportunities.

LCS STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS



Goal 1: LCS students are curious, collaborative, and critical thinkers who set goals and build the competences to thrive in school, future careers, and life.

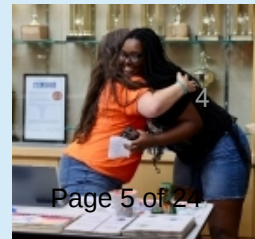
Goal 2: LCS Fosters a district-wide culture of well-being, belonging, and support where students feel connected, engaged, and valued.

Goal 3: LCS employees are collaborators, dedicated to continuous professional growth, and committed to our community through a shared sense of purpose.

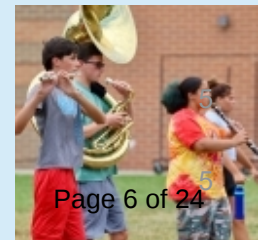
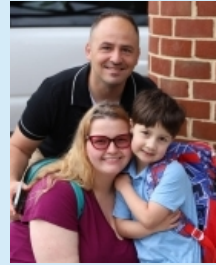
Goal 4: LCS ensures safe, welcoming, and well-managed learning environments and operational systems that support well-being, collaboration, and trust.

Goal 5: Families, students, staff, and community partners experience trust, connection, and shared purpose through meaningful partnerships and transparent communication.

CONVOCATION & BACK TO SCHOOL PREPARATION



FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL



LCS UPDATES

Leadership Institute

Division and school leaders focused on goal setting, instructional leadership, observation, evaluation, and monitoring.

New Teacher Orientation

New educators were welcomed to LCS and provided support and resources to prepare for a successful start to the school year.

Beginning-of-Year Professional Learning

Staff participated in professional learning aligned with instructional expectations, curriculum, technology, and identified division needs.

Consistent Expectations

Common expectations for lesson planning, PLCs, and instructional leadership were established across the division.

- Common lesson planning and PLC processes are underway across schools.
- Instructional supervisors and coordinators are spending increased time in schools supporting teachers and school leaders.
- Classroom walkthroughs, coaching, and data reviews are being used to monitor implementation and identify needs.
- Expanded literacy screening through grade 8 is providing additional information to identify and respond to student needs.
- Attendance and chronic absenteeism are being closely monitored as part of our data-informed response.



- Review early student achievement, attendance, and chronic absenteeism data.
- Use early data to identify students and schools requiring additional support.
- Continue classroom walkthroughs, instructional coaching, and school-based support.
- Provide targeted professional learning based on identified needs.
- Monitor progress and adjust student and school supports throughout the year.



WHAT WE EXPECT TO SEE

- Greater consistency in instructional planning and delivery across schools.
- Stronger support and capacity for teachers and school leaders.
- Earlier identification of and response to student needs.
- Improved student attendance and engagement.
- Continued academic growth and improved student outcomes.



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Full & Partial Roof Replacements

- Linkhorne Elementary School
- Laurel Regional Program
- Perrymont Elementary School
- Bedford Hills Elementary School
- Fort Hill Community School



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS: COMPLETED PROJECTS (SINCE 2025)

Heritage High School

- Track Replacement
- Practice Field Turf Replacement
- Baseball Field Turf Replacement



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Heritage High School Track & Turf Project

Career & Technology Education (CTE)

- Sandusky Middle Technology Lab Upgrade
- E. C. Glass High Automotive Technology Lab Upgrades
 - ASE Certification
 - New Floor
 - Updated Lighting
 - Fresh Paint
 - Updated Equipment
 - Tire Machines (2)
 - Wheel balancer
 - Alignment machine and scissor lift

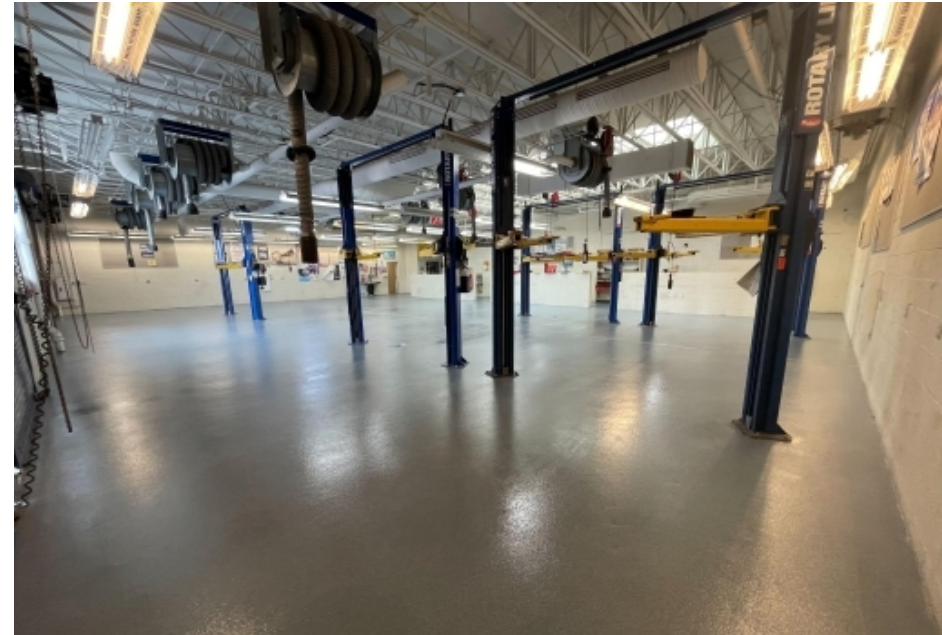


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E. C. Glass Automotive Technology Lab



Before



After

(Lighting Upgrades and New Paint Not Pictured)

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS: COMPLETED PROJECTS (SINCE 2025)

Playground Modernization

- Sandusky Elementary School
- T. C. Miller Academy
- Dearington Elementary School



Building Envelope Projects

- E. C. Glass High School
 - Est. Completion: Summer 2027
- R. S. Payne Elementary School
 - Est. Completion: Summer 2027



E. C. Glass High School

- Track Replacement
 - Est. Completion: October 2026
- Turf Field Replacement
 - Est. Completion: October 2026



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS: CURRENT PROJECTS



Division Wide – Access Control Projects

- **Phase 1 - Complete**
 - R. S Payne Elementary, E. C. Glass High, Heritage High, Dunbar Middle, Linkhorne Middle, Sandusky Middle
- **Phase 2 - Estimated Completion: May 2027**
 - Bedford Hills Elementary, Fort Hill Community School, Hutcherson Academy, Bass Elementary, Laurel Regional, T. C. Miller Academy, Sheffield Elementary
- **Phase 3 - Include with Upcoming A+MEP Projects**
 - Heritage Elementary, Perrymont Elementary, Linkhorne Elementary, Sandusky Elementary, Dearington Elementary, Paul Munro Elementary, Maintenance & Transportation Building, School Administration Building



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS: UPCOMING 2027 PROJECTS

2027 Architectural, Mechanical, Electrical, & Plumbing Upgrades

- Perrymont Elementary
- Linkhorne Middle
- Dunbar Middle
- Sandusky Elementary
- Heritage Elementary
- R. S. Payne Elementary

Full Roof Replacement

- Sandusky Elementary

Gymnasium Addition

- Heritage Elementary



DISCUSSION