


## Important Dates

March 6
STEM Night K-12
Exploring Science
@LHS 6pm

March 13 & 16
No School
Snow Makeup Day
& Break

March 19
Parent Engagement
Meeting
@LHS 6pm

March 24
School Board
Meeting
@LMS 6pm

# Superintendent's Message

**Dear Nine Mile Falls Families and Community Members,**

As we transition into spring, I would like to share several important updates and highlight opportunities available to our students and families.

Our **9 Mile Family Partnership Program** continues to provide a meaningful connection between home and school for families utilizing an at-home educational model. Serving students in grades K–8, this collaborative program offers in-person instruction, along with guidance, resources, and ongoing support. Families interested in learning more are encouraged to check out our **website** or contact Nine Mile Falls Elementary at (509) 340-4010.

For our youngest learners, the district proudly offers early learning pathways that support strong beginnings. **Early Childhood Education Assistance Program** (ECEAP) serves qualifying children ages 3–5. **Transition to Kindergarten** (TTK) is available to children who turn four by August 31; however, continuation of the TTK program for the 2026–27 school year is contingent upon ongoing funding from the Washington State Legislature. We will keep families informed as additional information becomes available. For details about our early learning programs, please contact Michelle Bauer at mbauer@9mile.org or (509) 340-4085.

I would also like to recognize the outstanding professionalism within our district. Seventeen of our teachers have earned National Board Certification. This is an advanced credential that reflects the highest standards of instructional practice. We are grateful for the expertise and leadership these educators bring to their classrooms each day.

Our next **Parent Engagement Meeting** will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2026, from 6:00–7:30 p.m. in the library at Lakeside High School. The primary focus of this meeting will be gathering input from families regarding the types of questions they would like included in future school and district surveys. Your perspective is important as we work to ensure our feedback processes reflect the priorities and experiences of our community. All are welcome to attend.

In addition, the Nine Mile Falls School Board has approved a resolution to place a Capital Levy before our voters on April 28, 2026. This capital levy is focused on safety, health, and energy efficiency improvements at Lakeside High School. These proposed investments are designed to maintain a safe and sustainable learning environment for students and staff. I encourage you to visit the district website for detailed information regarding the scope and impact of the proposed capital levy.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support of our schools. If you have questions or would like to connect, please feel free to reach out to me directly at (509) 340-4303 / (509) 714-1970 / **jbaerwald@9mile.org**.

Thank you for being such an integral part of our school community!

Jeff Baerwald

Lakeside High School Hosts

# Exploring Science

March 6th, 2026, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, Gym

# STEM Night

For grades K–12 students & families

**STEM Night** brings the district together in a student-driven celebration of curiosity! **Explore elementary projects, high school** class and club displays, and cheer on our middle school **volunteers.** Connect with community partners showcasing **science** in the real world — a night of shared discovery!

## Outdoor Pass

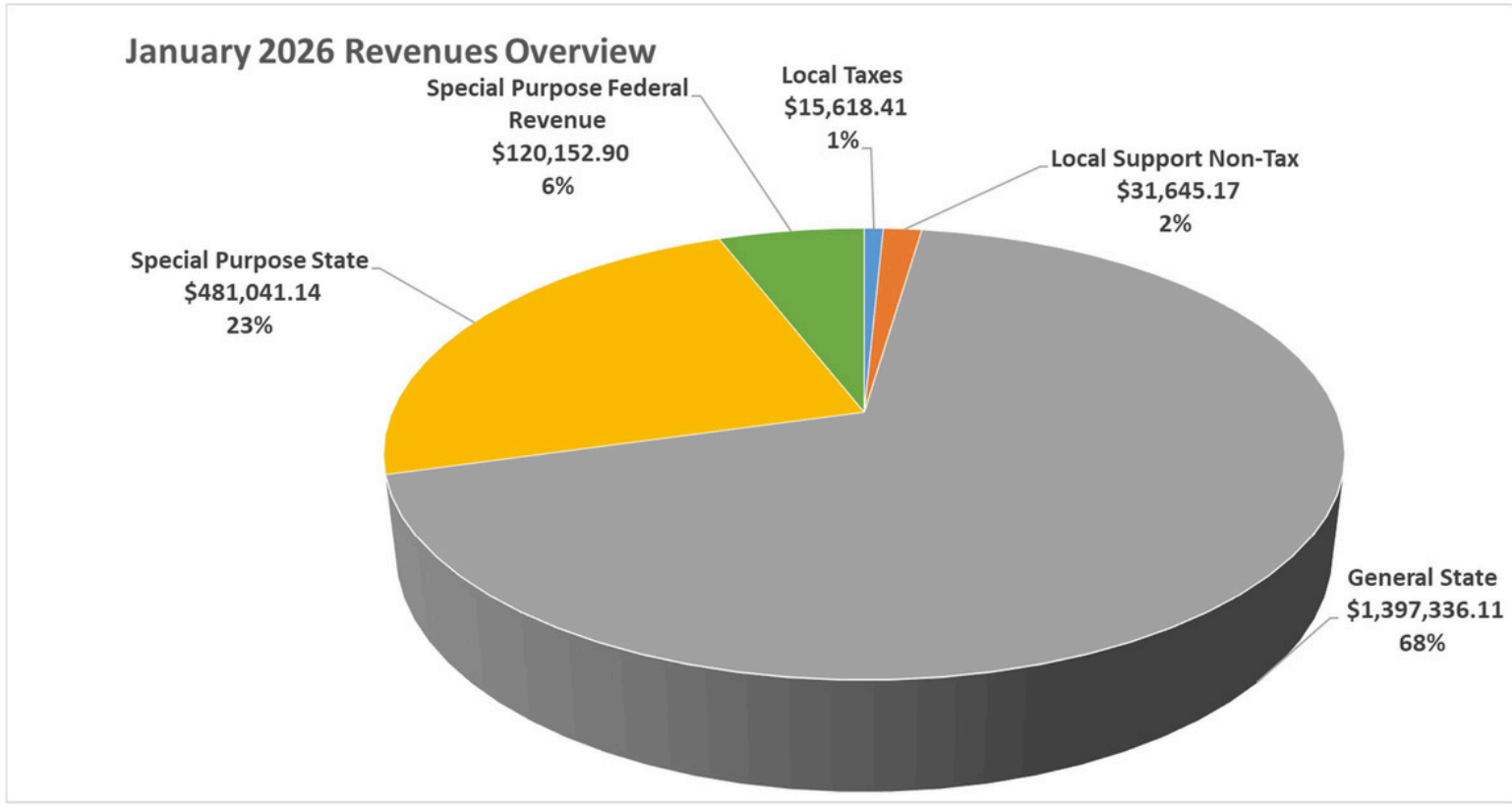
All 4th grade students who visit the Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge booth will receive a voucher for an **Every Kid Outdoors Pass.** This pass grants free admission to all federal lands and waters for 4th graders (and their family) until **August 31, 2026.**




**Sign up for a free planetarium** show, reserve your spot so you don't miss out!

Scan the QR code!

**Free & open to the community!**

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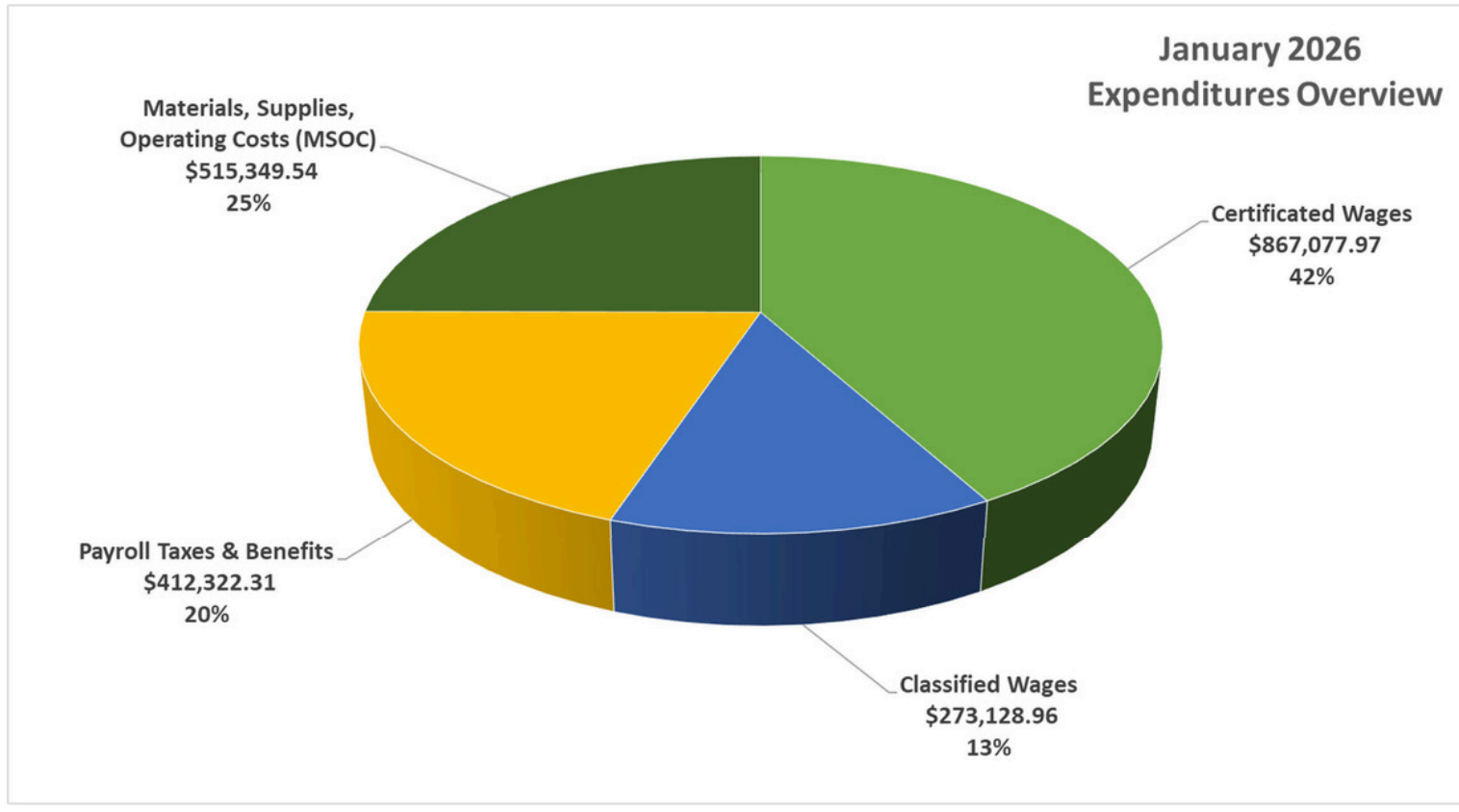


Total January Expenditures and Transfers: $2,067,878.78