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Hello Leland CUSD#1,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year. It is hard for me to believe that I am going into my 10th year as being the building principal of Leland CUSD#1. I am excited about this upcoming school year. As a district we have grown so much over the past years and I know this year we will continue to progress. I am proud to be a panther and I hope you all are as well!

In this upcoming academic year, we have some exciting plans and initiatives that will enhance the learning experience for your children. Our building has seen a couple of physical changes that are going to help brighten up our hallways, classrooms and gymnasium. I'm excited to have them filled with the students. It has been the 1st time in many years that any of these updates have occurred and I hope it can help start us all off with an energetic start for the school year. Many of the physical changes that have been made are only at the beginning phases. I hope to incorporate our students' creativity and ideas to make the hallways their own. I want all students to feel like they are a part of the overall school environment.

With the start of the school year right around the corner, make sure to take time and look at the calendar of events that are listed on our website. **The first day of school is on August 23rd, and it is a full day of student attendance. Our Unpack your Backpack Night and Ice Cream Social is taking place Monday, August 21st from 4:00PM - 6:00PM.** All are welcome to join us to celebrate the start of the school year! I encourage everyone to take pride in our school, have fun, create some memories, and be safe. If at any point you have any questions or concerns about anything taking place here at school, please feel free to contact me by phone, email or by scheduling a visit. I can be reached by email at cbickel@leland1.org or by phone at 815-495-3231 ext. 100. I hope everyone has a great school year and as always, remember...

Excellence Has No Finish Line!

Chris Bickel
K-12 Principal