

Superintendent Report (4/1/21)

Updates from around the district and the state.

1. Students and staff are on Easter Break this week, but will return to the classroom on Tuesday, April 6th. We will then have 45 calendar days left before we release for summer break.
2. Interest in our expanded summer school program has been well received and we think we have enough qualified staff committed to fill every position. Students are being referred and families will be notified when we come back from spring break. We are also looking at remote maintenance and enrichment opportunities for all students to be able to participate in.
3. The federal government did not extend waivers to states to eliminate assessments this year. GMS took the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) the week of March 22nd. The elementary schools will take theirs the week of April 19th. GHS will be proctoring the SAT on April 13th.
4. High School and Middle School activities and athletics continue to take place under the guidance of the IHSA and the IDPH.
5. Here are some upcoming GHS events to be aware of:
 - a. Monday, April 19 - Academic Scholar Night
 - b. Wednesday, May 5 - Local Scholarship Awards Program
 - c. Sunday, May 23 - Parade and Outdoor Graduation
6. The Governor released his Bridge Plan to move Illinois from Phase IV to Phase V.
 - a. When 70% of the state's 65 and older population has received at least one dose of a vaccine, Illinois will move into the "Bridge" transition period. Currently, approximately **69.4%** of Illinois residents age 65 and older have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. After a 28-day monitoring of the "Bridge" transition period, the state will be eligible to move into Phase V, as long as 50% or more of Illinois residents, 16 and older, have received at least one dose of a vaccine. Currently, approximately **35.96%** have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.
7. Reorganization of the Board
 - a. Regardless of the results of the school board election, we will need to have a special board meeting on April 22 to reorganize the Board. Additional information about the process will be provided in your folder.
8. Regarding certain agenda items, here is some additional, more specific information:
 - a. Parent/Student Handbooks
 - i. As a part of a larger district-wide initiative next year, you will notice two documents in your folder from GMS and GHS with their rationales for some changes (pilots) to grading practices. We are studying the work of Tom Schimmer (Solution-Tree) regarding bringing accuracy to student achievement through a standards-based mindset. Tom will be leading the staff in a district-wide inservice on Wednesday, April 14, during our final remote learning planning day of the year. The documents

themselves will not appear in the handbooks as red ink or ~~strike through~~, but are here for your information.

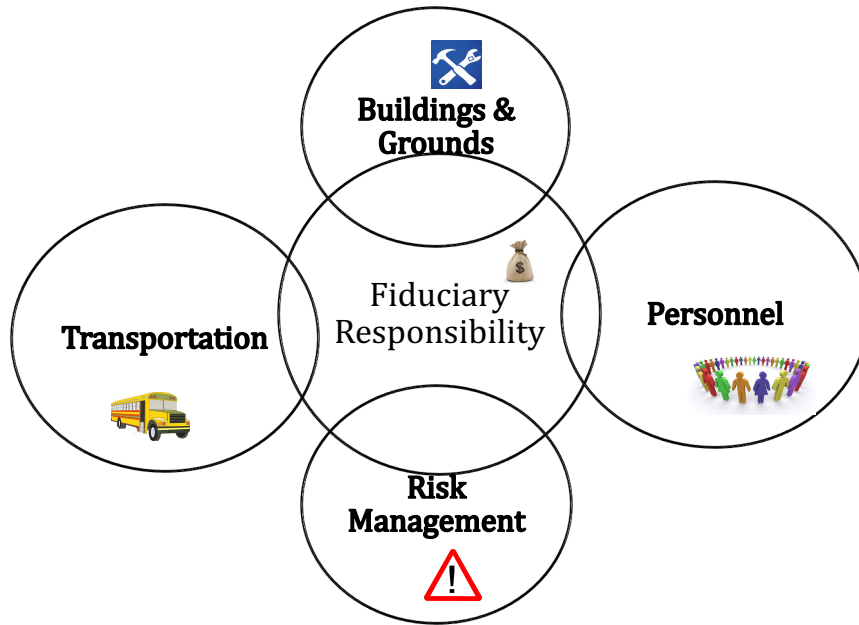
b. Boyd Jones Agreement

- i. The Board has a contract to review for the construction management services of Boyd Jones. This agreement would create a “team” approach with our architect, Scott Johnson, and Pete Perez, working together with us on our vocational goal.

c. Learning Model for the 2021-2022 School Year

- i. It would be our intent to return to an all-day, every-day in person learning model to start the next school year. To do that more effectively, we would like to:
 1. Use ESSER III dollars to outsource remote learning to a third-party vendor (Edmentum or Edgenuity) for families who medically qualify, and
 2. Use ESSER III dollars to explore utilizing the new ISBE/IDPH COVID Rapid Antigen testing program for schools with logistical support from the OEM and the ROE.
- ii. I am seeking Board approval to move forward with both of these initiatives to aid in our return to an all-day, every-day in person learning model to start the next school year. *We will ask families to notify us by May 1st if they are going to seek a medical waiver to participate in remote learning next school year, as long as the current ISBE language holds, for planning purposes.

**Operations Update
April 2021**



Expense Budget Variance Report March FY21 FYTD
Fund

	FY 21 Budget	FY 21 FYTD Activity	FY 21 % of Budget	FY 20 Budget	FY 20 FYTD Activity	FY 20 % of Budget
Education	19,084,328.00	14,097,072.54	74%	18,116,655.00	15,562,559.79	85.90%
O & M	3,136,467.00	1,926,599.95	61%	2,185,808.50	1,769,002.32	80.93%
Debt Service	3,951,710.00	3,751,710.80	95%	3,568,700.00	3,569,336.00	100.02%
Transportation	2,108,924.00	1,394,000.62	66%	1,958,363.00	1,617,768.22	82.61%
IMRF/SS	680,331.00	473,849.85	70%	660,023.00	505,854.74	76.64%
Capital Projects	305,000.00	138,004.55	45%	797,000.00	528,841.36	66.35%
Working Cash	700,000.00	0	0%	250,000.00	500,000.00	200.00%
Tort	1,091,660.00	980,319.37	90%	596,845.00	386,164.08	64.70%
Health Life Safety	1,000.00	0	0%	1,000.00	0	0.00%
Totals	31,059,420.00	22,761,557.68	73%	28,134,394.50	24,439,526.51	86.87%

Sales Tax Revenue

	FY 15	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18	FY 19	FY 20	FY 21	YTD % Increase (Decrease)
July	\$75,669	\$72,660	\$82,824	\$71,936	\$74,987	\$85,808	\$74,695	-2.18%
August	\$78,339	\$78,312	\$76,691	\$78,778	\$99,687	\$91,476	\$70,755	
September	\$87,977	\$83,634	\$82,544	\$85,508	\$81,368	\$86,667	\$87,687	
October	\$85,377	\$83,718	\$83,451	\$85,204	\$91,463	\$88,981	\$91,699	
November	\$79,133	\$80,163	\$80,143	\$81,876	\$86,915	\$82,260	\$90,985	
December	\$81,146	\$78,882	\$80,001	\$81,758	\$85,746	\$83,632	\$89,320	
January	\$80,888	\$82,089	\$79,251	\$81,544	\$85,746	\$82,961	\$84,181	
February	\$82,888	\$81,088	\$77,618	\$83,919	\$89,788	\$89,044	\$88,222	
March	\$80,552	\$79,131	\$78,646	\$85,957	\$84,543	\$88,400	\$84,685	
April	\$84,144	\$86,295	\$89,126	\$94,502	\$89,297	\$94,238		
May	\$66,904	\$64,765	\$67,456	\$73,367	\$67,423	\$73,588		
June	\$68,349	\$63,908	\$63,360	\$82,165	\$81,720	\$69,092		
Total	\$951,366	\$934,645	\$941,111	\$986,514	\$1,018,683	\$1,016,147	\$762,229	

Upcoming

- End of Fiscal Year:
 - Amend FY 21 Budget, hold public hearing @ June Board Meeting.
 - Board Resolution to permanently transfer funds from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund if cash balance position dictates before end of the fiscal year.
 - Board action item to permanently transfer funds from the O & M Fund to the Debt Service Fund to pay principal and interest on debt certificate for the High School boiler project.
- FY 22 Budget Presentation and 3-Year Forecast, June Board Meeting.