

Superintendent Report 10/7/22

Updates from around the district and the state.

1. Thursday, October 13, 2022 marks our 41st day of student attendance. The first quarter ends on Oct. 14 and Parent/Teacher conferences are the nights of Oct. 13 and 18 from 4-8 pm.
2. The groundbreaking ceremony for the new Career and Technical Education Center on Monday, Oct. 3 was an exciting event. The real breaking of the ground will take place the week of Oct. 10. We plan to host an open house prior to the first day of the 2022-23 school year, so the public can tour the space and see for themselves what new experiences lay ahead for our students. More information about those plans will be shared in the months to come. For links to some of the news coverage, [visit GeneseoSchools.org](#).
3. The new [district website](#) and mobile app (for [iPhones](#) and [Android devices](#)) was released to the public on Sept. 23 and both have been well received. James and Adam have made various changes, updates and additions based on initial feedback from stakeholders, but overall the feedback has been positive. As of noon on Thursday, Oct. 6, 491 devices have downloaded our app, an increase from 355 downloads as of Sept. 27. We'll continue to spread the word about the app, so we expect that number to further increase.
4. The new Illinois School Report Cards will be released to the public Oct. 27. Although I have been able to preview it, I can't share with you our results because it is under embargo until the end of the month, but I can tell you that I will have some very good news to share with you at our November meeting.
5. I had the opportunity to attend the Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA) superintendents conference last week in Springfield. There was a good turnout with two very motivating keynote speakers and several beneficial breakout sessions.
6. The ROE building walkthroughs on Oct. 5 were very successful with only one minor item identified as needing addressed and already has. Tim will be giving more information as a part of his report.
7. Congratulations to Karen Urick who attained the designation of Established Board Leader and Diane Olson who attained the designation of Distinguished Board Leader by the Illinois Association of School Boards. IASB's Board Leader Recognition Program honors individual school board members who attend Association events and professional development activities such as Division Meetings and the Joint Annual Conference, as well as participation in workshops, online courses, and other training. This is a credit to their willingness to continuously learn more about the position and to stay up to date on current school district issues. You can [click here](#) to learn more about IASB recognition programs.
8. I've previously shared with you data that shows our students have not only reached but exceeded pre-COVID levels in English language arts and mathematics (specifically, two key metrics for indicating future academic success). We highlighted this encouraging news and other new initiatives in a recent [story on our website](#).

9. Regarding certain agenda items, here is some additional, more specific information:
 - a. Special Presentation
 - i. Mr. Ryerson and select GHS staff will be making recommendations to the Board regarding ways to maximize the effectiveness and use of the new Career and Technical Education (CTE) Center.
 - b. Closed Session
 - i. We will be reviewing the current Collective Bargaining Agreement ahead of the upcoming negotiations meetings with the Geneseo Education Association.