

Superintendent Report 11/4/22

Updates from around the district and the state.

1. Thursday, November 10, 2022 marks our 59th day of student attendance.
2. Ground was officially broken on the new Career and Technical Education Center at GHS on Monday, Oct. 17.
3. I received word this week that the Preschool For All Grant will be awarded to us for the next **3 years**, not just this year. This is great news for our district and for our program.
4. Once every 4 years, a school district must go through an extensive Compliance Review with the Regional Office of Education. This is our year, however since we went through this process in my first year here, we know what to expect and anticipate completing the task prior to January 1, 2023.
5. The new [Illinois School Report Cards](#) were released to the public Oct. 27. There are approximately 3,058 elementary or middle schools in the state. The top 10% of those schools received the designation of “Exemplary” and I am pleased to announce that Millikin Elementary was named to that list. Likewise there are approximately 665 high schools across the state with the top 10% of those schools receiving the designation of “Exemplary.” I am pleased to announce that GHS was named to that list. Our other buildings were rated as “Commendable,” the second highest rating available. These outstanding Report Cards are a credit to the hard work of our students and staff and should be applauded.
6. Nov. 15 of each year is recognized as School Board Members Day in Illinois. The honorary date is an opportunity to show support for boards of education. I would like to personally thank each of the board members for their service to this district and to the community. It truly is a thankless job, but an important one.
7. Regarding certain agenda items, here is some additional, more specific information:
 - a. Geneseo Education Foundation Fall Grant Cycle
 - i. The Geneseo Education Foundation will meet on Nov. 7 to review the fall grant cycle requests. I had a chance to review the applications with them and our staff have once again thought outside the box to provide our students with enhanced and unique educational experiences.
 - b. Teacher Evaluation Plan
 - i. Every year the Formal Joint Committee, made up of an equal number of GEA members and administrators, reviews the teacher evaluation plan in accordance with Senate Bill 7 and the IL School Code. Those changes were approved by the committee earlier this week and are now being brought forward for your review and approval.
 - c. Health Insurance rates review and update in accordance with the CBA
 - i. The CBA outlines how any increase to the health insurance is to be distributed among the Board and the employee. The rate increase is attached to the packet for your review and approval.
 - d. Special Presentation on the Tax Levy

- i. Mr. Gronski will be taking you through a more detailed review of the levy, complete with assumptions based on historical data, and a deeper explanation of the levied amounts based on legal limits, anticipated needs of the district, and recommendations from our auditor.
- e. Closed Session
 - i. We will be reviewing the progress of the negotiations process for a new Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Geneseo Education Association. We will also be hearing information about a parcel of land.