

Superintendent Report 2/3/23

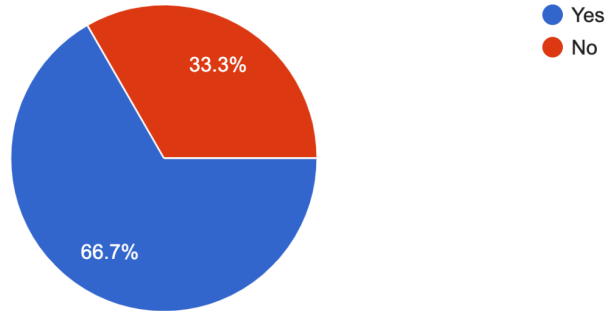
Updates from around the district and the state.

1. Thursday, February 9th marks our 105th day of student attendance.
2. TLT developed a great day of learning for staff during the January 27 inservice. Many staff members volunteered to lead breakout sessions that allowed others to choose professional development that interested them, but aligned to areas of focus as a district.
3. Last month I surveyed staff to gather feedback on childcare needs. Attached are the condensed survey results. I took out some of the unnecessary information and personal identifiers, but hopefully captured the essence of their collective thoughts. I feel like we had a good response rate and those who answered did so because the topic is important to them. The results confirmed what we have been hearing and actually exceeded our assumptions, meaning there is even greater need than we thought.
 - a. We are working with a local childcare provider to see if there are ways we can mutually benefit each other to help alleviate some of the issues staff are having.
 - b. There is not a simple solution as childcare requires additional space, additional personnel, and local and state approval (red tape).
4. PRESS Policy Committee Update
 - a. Due to the weather, our IASB representative was not able to travel from Chicago on January 25, so our meeting was rescheduled for Friday, February 10.
5. Along with Geneseo Police Department's IMPACT Team, our district will be hosting a Mental Health Awareness and Safety Academy on Wednesday, February 8 from 6-8 p.m. at the GHS Fine Arts Center. There's a [story on GeneseoSchools.org](https://www.geneseoschools.org/story-on-geneseoschools.org) featuring comments from Brooke Emerson and Det. Jaimie Shoemaker with more information.
6. I will be attending the National Conference on Education in San Antonio (February 15-17). As a part of the opening ceremony of the conference, I will be recognized for completing the National Superintendent Certification program. I look forward to learning from some of the nation's best educators and presenters, including Alex Boye and Stephen Covey.
7. Regarding certain agenda items, here is additional, more specific information:
 - a. Special Presentation
 - i. Greg Wertheim, Director of the Henry-Stark Counties Special Education District, will be here to share with the Board updates concerning the district and from around the state.
 - b. Collective Bargaining Agreement between the GEA and the BOE (2023-2027)
 - i. A tentatively agreed upon (TA'd) proposal was shared with the association on January 27. At the time of this report, a formal vote has not been taken by the association. If a vote is taken and approved prior to this board meeting, it will be included under Board Work as a First Reading. If not, it will be removed from the agenda.
 - c. Land Purchase Agreement
 - i. The Board will consider/approve entering into a purchase agreement for the land located at 349 E. Ogden Avenue, Geneseo, Illinois.

- ii. The location's legal description is S289.70 OF E683.61 Lot 9, N OF ST, W NE SEC 16 T17N R3E LANDS INCORP.
- d. Resolution to Permanently Transfer \$1,000,000 from Working Cash Fund to Education Fund
 - i. Tim spoke to this matter during his recent CSBO reports as a recommendation from the Auditor and best practice.
- e. New CTE Instructor
 - i. We are excited to recommend Travis Walline for hire for the position of CTE instructor. He will be a great addition to our team and allow us to expand our courses in the new CTE Center next school year.
- f. Administrator Contracts
 - i. I am recommending that we renew each administrator's contract for FY24. This is a first reading.

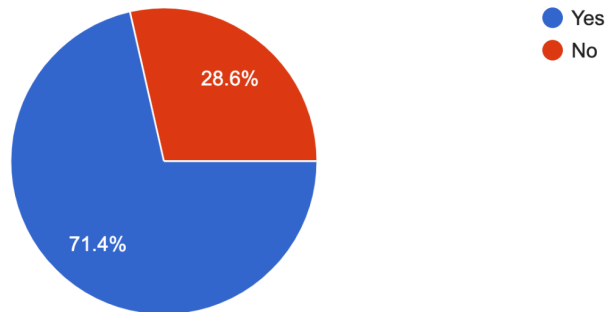
Do you currently have children not yet in school (Kindergarten or preschool through a school district)?

42 responses



I don't yet have children, but may have children in the foreseeable future and would be interested in daycare opportunities.

42 responses



Breakdown of non-school aged children from the 42 responses (38 total)

U1 - 9

1 - 6

2 - 4

3 - 13

4 - 5

5 - 1

Written responses (themes by frequency)

1. Currently being told there are long wait lists and we can't get a slot. Having to piece together childcare with family, friends, and limited daycare/preschool hours/days (part-time fillers).

2. The need/ability for the daycare to be able to provide transportation to/from preschool for those eligible/enrolled children.
3. Need to have the opportunity to only send children during the school year and not be charged for the days/weeks that services would not be necessary (or at least prorated).
4. Affordability; many are too expensive. Many are not state-run.
5. Also a need for before/after school care. Optional drop-in days when the current care provider is not available.
6. Reliable, able to stay open and not close down due to sickness or other reasons.
7. The willingness and ability to accept students with a disability.