

## **Superintendent Report 3/3/23**

Updates from around the district and the state.

1. Thursday, March 9th marks our 123rd day of student attendance. Friday, March 10th is the last day of the 3rd quarter. It is hard to believe we are at this point in the year already.
2. TLT has developed another great day of learning for staff on the Friday, March 10th teacher inservice, focusing on the Board's Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) goal. Staff will learn about practical ways to incorporate SEL into their daily Tier I instruction.
3. According to Boyd Jones, the precast walls for the new CTE Center are scheduled for delivery and installation the week of March 13 or March 20. Once the walls go up, we will see a lot more activity at GHS and around the work site.
4. Winter sports have wrapped up and spring sports have begun practices. We are hoping to continue the success we experienced during the fall and winter seasons!
5. Summer school plans are being finalized and information will be shared with staff, students, and families in the coming weeks.
6. On Thursday, March 2, GHS hosted its annual Academic Scholar Night to recognize our National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, Illinois State Scholars, and AP Scholars.
7. Just a reminder that daylight savings time starts March 12, the spring equinox is March 20, and our spring break will be March 20-24.
8. Personnel update for 2023-24
  - a. Pending Board approval on March 9 of several hirings, these are the postings currently unfilled:
    - i. 3 Upper Elementary positions
    - ii. GHS Foreign Language
    - iii. GHS CTE
    - iv. GMS 7th Grade Math
    - v. GMS LS SPED
9. PRESS Policy Committee Update
  - a. We had our first meeting on February 10. It was a productive session as we reviewed every policy we have and our IASB Policy Specialist walked us through the process moving forward. I anticipate a Draft Policy Packet for the Board to review in the coming weeks. The review process will take a couple months to complete, but once it is finished we will have a new digital copy of each policy, updated with recommendations by the IASB legal counsel and reviewed by the BOE and our counsel as needed. PRESS Issues 110 and 111 will be incorporated into the updates which is a huge bonus!
10. The National Conference on Education in San Antonio was amazing! The keynote speakers, breakout session presenters, and social events allowed me to hear from some of the best school superintendents and experts in education from across the country. I am still collecting my notes and thoughts on the experience and reviewing some of our current practices and initiatives in Geneseo. One BIG takeaway is that in listening to

some of the highest-performing school districts in America, we are doing a lot of the same things in Geneseo and are placing our time, effort, energy, and resources in the right areas for the greatest returns on investment.

11. Regarding certain agenda items, here is additional, more specific information:

a. Special Presentations

- i. Brooke Emmerson and Tom Ryerson will each be giving a short presentation on current Social and Emotional Learning initiatives at GHS and our new Grow Your Own (GYO) teacher program going into effect next school year.

b. Collective Bargaining Agreement between the GEA and the BOE (2023-2026)

- i. A new tentatively agreed upon (TA'd) proposal was shared with the association on March 1st. 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. Resolutions to update the cooperative agreements with the Area Career Center (ACC) and the Quad City Career and Technical Education Consortium (QCTEC)

- i. The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) is requiring member school districts to update/affirm existing cooperative agreements.
- ii. Attached are the recommended updates, which are primarily delineating participating school districts and their respective duties. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the two resolutions outlining the changes to the agreements during the March meeting as they are time sensitive.