

Superintendent Report 4/4/25

Updates from around the district and the state.

1. Thursday, April 10th marks our 145th day of student attendance. Students have either started, or will shortly, or finished the required state assessments.
2. As a reminder, GHS graduation will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 25. The parade will begin at 1 p.m. in the Fareway parking lot and will happen rain or shine. The students will travel past each of the elementary buildings, St. Malachy's, and the Middle School before ending at the High School. This will be a symbolic representation of their educational career.
3. Congratulations are in order for several of our teachers who were [recognized in March for receiving National Board Certification](#), the most respected professional certification available in K-12 education. Our most recent National Board Certification recipients include Sawyer Rahmus (GHS Math), Lauren Schmidt (GMS English), Jessi Haars (GMS English), Paige Panicucci (Southwest 4th Grade), Ashley Minnaert (Southwest 4th Grade), Skyler Schneider (Southwest Kindergarten) and Cassandra Smith (Southwest 5th Grade). Additionally, three other Geneseo educators, Teri Mincks (Southwest Instructional Coach), Tasha Moe (Southwest Special Education) and Taunya McGee (Southwest Reading Specialist), earned their National Board Recertification.
4. Summer school plans are almost finalized. Information will be shared with staff, students, and families soon.
5. The Consolidated District Plan, the overcomplicated plan that must be completed, submitted and approved by ISBE before any federal funding can be awarded, has been submitted for FY26.
6. In case you missed it, a pair of 8th graders at GMS recently surprised classmates one morning with Post-it notes containing messages of kindness and positivity on everyone's locker – 800 total! [You can read about it and see photos on our website.](#)
7. Personnel update for 2025-26
 - a. Pending Board approval on April 10, these are the remaining teaching postings currently unfilled:
 - i. GHS Counselor
 - ii. Northside Music
 - iii. Northside 4th Grade
 - iv. GMS 6th Grade Elective
 - v. GMS Special Education
8. We've posted initial information for [2025-26 registration on GeneseoSchools.org](#). Kindergarten registration will open on April 28 and close on May 16, while registration for all other Geneseo students will open on July 14.
9. The spring musical will be The Wizard of Oz, with four performances taking place April 24-27 at Geneseo High School Performing Arts Center. [You can learn more and buy tickets now via GeneseoSchools.org.](#)
10. Geneseo Education Foundation spring grant cycle gift to the district: The GEF has generously awarded another round of grants to staff. I am excited about the creativity and passion of our staff to provide unique learning experiences for our students.