

Superintendent Report 4/6/23

Updates from around the district and the state.

1. Thursday, April 13th marks our 140th day of student attendance. Students have either started, or will shortly, or finished the required state assessments. GHS is planning on having graduation outside on Bob Reade Field on Sunday, May 21 at 3:00, with the parade starting at 1:00.
2. If you've driven past GHS recently, you've seen the great progress made on the new CTE Center, including the internal and exterior precast walls being lifted into place. Andrew Paleczny (Boyd Jones) will attend the board meeting to give everyone an overall update on the building.
3. Our new School Resource Officer, Amber Berthoud, started at GMS on March 27. She has since made the rounds to each of the buildings and is already making a positive impact in our district.
4. Summer school plans are finalized and information has been shared with staff, students, and families. Attached to my report are the dates and times of the opportunities, provided by Mrs. Boone.
5. The midterm election was held on April 4. Kyle Ganson, Diane Olsen, and Julie Robinson were elected to serve four-year terms. A reorganization of the board will need to be conducted at a special board meeting prior to May 16. We are tentatively looking at Thursday, April 27, 2023.
6. Personnel update for 2023-24
 - a. Pending Board approval on April 13, these are the remaining teaching postings currently unfilled:
 - i. GHS Foreign Language
 - ii. GMS 7th Grade Math
7. Tim and I were able to meet with two local childcare providers (Growth Inc., and Geneseo Childcare), but discovered that there is not currently an opportunity to partner with them to provide much relief to staff with childcare needs due to the providers' limited space and staffing. Both have very long waiting lists. Therefore, I would like to begin researching the possibility of creating our own Early Childhood Learning Center to provide relief for our staff and community and to enable our students to have a learning lab as a part of our Grow Your Own Program. I think any such initiative could be financially supplemented through the Governor's new [Smart Start Illinois](#) initiative, local foundations, and future 1% sales tax revenue.
8. Speaking of our [Grow Your Own Program](#), I would like to look at additional ways to take current non-certified employees who would like to become teachers and develop a scholarship program or employment contract to allow them to earn their SPED license and work for us after graduation. I would also like to look at partnering with local foundations to increase the number of scholarships available to our seniors who want to go into the field of education, ensuring every student who completes our program earns at least one scholarship.
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. Our next meeting is scheduled for May 4 and 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. We recently posted on GeneseoSchools.org initial information on [registration for the 2023-24 school year](#). Early registration for Pre-K and Kindergarten students will open on April 17, while registration for 1st to 12th graders will begin on July 10.
11. Also attached to my report are four one-page overviews of our district, GHS, GMS and our elementary schools. We recently created these and they were available to potential job candidates at a WIU job fair that Principals O'Dell and Hofer attended. In fact, two of our new elementary hires came from applicants at that job fair. As you know, it's a competitive landscape to hire teachers, and we feel these will help educate them when it comes to our district and its buildings.
12. Fifth graders from Millikin, Northside and Southwest elementary schools recently visited JA BizTown in Davenport. JA BizTown combines in-class learning with a day-long visit to a simulated town where students operate banks, manage restaurants, write checks, and vote for mayor. It's a lot of fun for the students and teachers, and we [highlighted the experience on GeneseoSchools.org](#).
13. Tickets for Geneseo High School's spring musical, Seussical, are on sale now. One of the most performed shows in America, Seussical is described to be a "fantastical, magical, musical extravaganza." More information, including the performance dates and a link to buy tickets, [can be found on our website](#).
14. The GHS boys baseball team had the unique privilege of playing at Busch Stadium on 4/2/23. As a Cardinals fan, I am biased, but you can't ask for a better experience for the players and fans.
15. Regarding certain agenda items, here is additional, more specific information:
 - a. Special Presentations
 - i. Tom Ryerson will be diving deeper into his request to have delayed starts at GHS one day per week during the 2023-24 school year as a part of their Professional Learning Community (PLC) work, focusing on curriculum development.
 - b. Student Handbooks: Each Leadership Team has made recommendations for changes to the student handbooks, marked in ~~strikethrough~~ and red language to easily see the changes. Some positive changes place an emphasis on bringing accuracy to grades and the ability for students to demonstrate their highest level of academic achievement through reassessment opportunities. This will be a first reading.

- c. Geneseo Education Foundation spring grant cycle gift to the district: The GEF has generously awarded approximately \$39,000 worth of grants to staff. I am excited about the creativity and passion of our staff to provide unique learning experiences for our students.



Purpose 2023 Summer Learning Jumpstart Program: The purpose of the 2023 Summer Learning program is to provide extended learning opportunities to our most at risk students. Elementary will hold a program developed to be a learning jumpstart for students for the 23-24 school year and will focus on critical readiness skills in ELA and Mathematics.

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- Elementary Summer Learning Program will be a jumpstart from July 17th-August 4th from 8:00-11:00 a.m.
- Staffing will consist of teachers and paras who will focus on key readiness standards in reading, writing and mathematics. This focus will allow students to build confidence and competence as they prepare for the upcoming school year.
 - A structured Math Curriculum, using readiness standards, will be created for teachers in order to create a sequenced and targeted approach to math instruction and assessment. Teachers will also implement, high-yield, research based instructional practices in order to review these readiness topics.
 - Reading and Writing Curriculum, using a strength based approach, will be used to continue building students' phonological awareness, comprehension and written expression.
- Partnership with Elementary Social Workers will provide morning meeting routines for teachers in order to focus on building connections, SEL skills, confidence and key character development for success.

2023 Summer Enrichment Opportunities:

- Summer Brain Camp: Ignite, Inspire, Learn- This program is a "redesign" of the former Summer Learning Adventure week long exploratory we used to offer. Brain Camp aims to recruit teachers who have unique talents, passions and experiences they wish to curate into enriching and unique experiences for students, that may not happen during the school year! Current 2nd-7th grade students are eligible to participate in this tuition-funded summer learning experience. Brain Camp will be held at Millikin June 12th-16th from 8:30-11:00 a.m.
- Our Summer Learning Jumpstart Program will also include STEM linked activities as a way to build connections between mathematics and literacy to science, technology and engineering practices on Fridays.
- Geneseo CUSD will continue to support eligible students in their participation of College for Kids, provided through Black Hawk College. We consistently have the highest enrollment of schools in our area. This year, Geneseo will extend the opportunity to pay tuition, through ESSER, for eligible 5th grade students. This allows us to remove financial barriers for students in order to fully leverage high quality enrichment programs for students that are new to attending this program.

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DISTRICT OVERVIEW



- Superintendent:
 - Dr. Adam Brumbaugh
- Formed in 1949
- Enrollment: 2,482 students
- Coverage: 261 square miles
- Includes multiple Illinois Report Card "Exemplary" Schools

STATISTICS



- Over 300 employees, including 160+ certified teachers, 143 support staff and 11 administrators
- Graduation rate: 97%
- Average class size: 19
- Teachers with master's degree or higher: 50%
- National Board Certified Staff: 27
- GHS: 56 certified staff, 2 APs, full-time AD, 3 counselors, social worker, nurse, SPED coordinator
- Average teacher salary: \$56,752
- Student/teacher ratio: 17/1
- FY21 school finances: \$10K spent on average per student (\$29.1M in total district expenditures)

K-12 EDUCATION



Five schools plus the unit office:

- Elementary schools (grades K-5) include Millikin Elementary School, Southwest Elementary School and Northside Elementary School
- Geneseo Middle School (grades 6-8)
- Geneseo High School (grades 9-12)

GENESEO HIGH SCHOOL



- Recently renovated as a part of a \$35M district-wide initiative
- 15 AP and 8 dual credit courses
- Agriculture: Resources include mechanics shop, greenhouses, and 4-acre FFA test plot
- Athletics: Member of Western Big 6 Conference; facilities include a 40,000 square foot fieldhouse/weight room
- Fine Arts/Music: Strong commitment and rich tradition at every level; ongoing history of earning state and national recognition
- Career and Technical Education Center (\$4M facility) to open by the 2023-24 school year
- Co-op and internship opportunities provide students with experience and create a workforce pipeline



GET TO KNOW

Geneseo High School

PERSEVERING STUDENTS
DEDICATED STAFF
SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY



GHS Overview

Principal: Mr. Tom Ryerson
Address: 700 N State St, Geneseo, IL
Enrollment: 819 students
Average class size: 21 students



Inside the Building

Teachers' average salary: \$57,121
Over 90% teacher retention
Graduation rate: 94%
"Exemplary" rating on ISBE's Illinois Report Card
Recently renovated (\$35M district-wide initiative)
15 AP and 8 dual credit courses



Above and Beyond

Western Big 6 Conference member with a 40,000 sq. ft. fieldhouse/weight room
Fine arts and music programs with a rich tradition and ongoing history of state and national recognition
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GENESEO MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Geneseo Middle School

**OUR FOCUS:
SERVICE, HUMILITY, RESPECT**



GMS Overview

Principal: Mr. Nathan O'Dell
Address: 333 E Ogden Ave, Geneseo, IL
Enrollment: 591 students
Average class size: 19 students



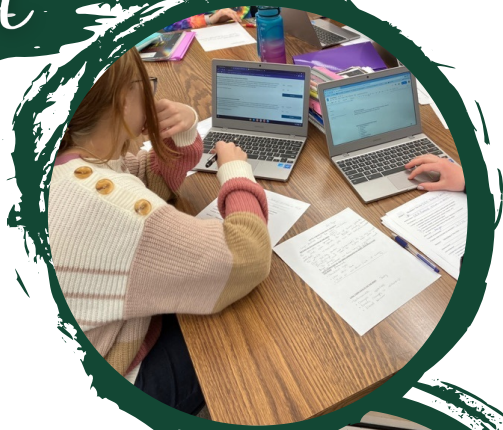
Inside the Building

Teachers' average salary: \$57,121
Over 50% of 8th grade students take Algebra 1
"Commendable" rating earned on ISBE's annual Illinois Report Card
Support systems in place for Teacher Mentoring and Instructional Coaching



Extracurriculars

GEF and PTA annual classroom grants total over \$125,000
More than 30 athletics, activities and clubs
IESA State Champions and State Qualifiers in multiple sports and activities
ILMEA and Superstate Music Qualifying Programs



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Geneseo Elementary Schools

HELPING CHILDREN LEARN, GROW AND ACHIEVE



Overview

Art, music and physical education classes offered in all three elementary schools
Instructional coaching offered to every teacher
Reading and math interventionists available in every building



Millikin Elementary

Principal: Mr. Philip Moe
Address: 920 S Congress St, Geneseo, IL



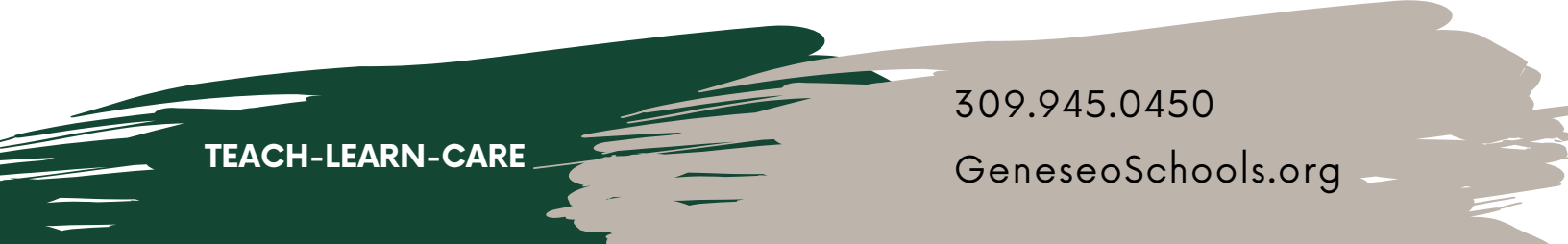
Northside Elementary

Principal: Mr. Joe Mowen
Address: 415 N Russell Ave, Geneseo, IL



Southwest Elementary

Principal: Mr. Brian Hofer
Address: 715 S Center St, Geneseo, IL



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