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Date: November 6, 2026

To: Geneseo CUSD #228 Board of Education

From: Dr. Laura Delgado, Superintendent

Dear Members of the Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to share this monthly report for November 2026. It includes key updates from across the district, highlights of recent successes, and areas we're continuing to focus on.

I appreciate your support and partnership as we work together to serve the students, staff, and families of Geneseo CUSD #228. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or feedback.

Sincerely,

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UPDATES

- We are so excited to hold our November 12 Board of Education meeting at **Millikin Elementary!** Principal Philip Moe will lead a **brief tour of the building at 5:00 p.m.** for anyone interested in attending and the meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. as usual.

- The **Illinois State Board of Education** released its annual **Illinois Report Card** on October 30, and our schools again received high marks. GHS and Millikin earned Exemplary status, the highest designation of the Report Card's five tiers. GMS achieved Approaching Exemplary, the second highest tier, and Northside and Southwest received the designation of Commendable, the third highest tier.

- **Purple Star Designations** have been announced by ISBE. I am proud to say that all five of our schools have been award this honor. In this first year of the program, 27 schools were designated as Purple Star schools, so we are in elite company. A Purple Star Designation means we provide layers of support for military families with registration, planning, and resources. Thank you to Mr. Mackey for working on this application process.

- GHS will welcome veterans and active-duty military members on **Veterans Day** (November 11) for an all-school assembly honoring their service and sacrifice. Members of our Board of Education are invited to attend. Schools being in session gives us an opportunity to teach students about the significance of the holiday, honor our veterans, and better understand the meaning of their service and sacrifice.

- **Wings Academy** in Kewanee held its grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday. It's an exciting new chapter in special education and it was a nice celebration of all the incredible opportunities Wings will provide for local students and families.

- **GEF Fall Foundation Grants** have been submitted and are under consideration by the GEF Board. Donation information will be ready at the December Board meeting. The Sherrard Grant has also been submitted with a request for a multi-year support of furniture updates in all buildings.

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UPDATES (continued)

- Congratulations to the 32 GHS students and 14 GMS students who were selected to perform at the **ILMEA District 2 Band and Orchestra Festivals** in November. This is a high honor and we are proud of their accomplishments. They will represent Geneseo with high levels of musical talent.

- Congratulations to **Kevin Reed** on his selection as an Illinois High School Tennis Coaches Association **Girls 1A Regional Coach of the Year!** The Lady Leafs recently wrapped up a remarkable season with the doubles team of Kendyl Wassenhove and Stella Smith finishing the top 16 in state, and the team winning a sectional championship. The IHSTCA will be recognizing Coach Reed at a winter workshop on January 29.

- For the Board of Education members who will be joining thousands of school leaders for three days of training, networking, and peer support at the **2026 Joint Annual Conference,** we will provide you with a packet of information next week.

- Last but not least, **November 15 is School Board Members Day** and we will be proud to recognize our school board members who donate their time to public education. Our Board of Education is on the front-line of local governance, providing a voice for residents and parents in our community, a vision for our district, and a mission focused on student success. We are all grateful for your time and efforts!

COMING UP

- The holiday breaks will be here before we know it. A half-day of student attendance for a school improvement day is planned for Nov. 18 before **Thanksgiving break takes place from Nov. 23-27.** As winter approaches, students will have a half-day on Dec. 11 for a teacher institute before enjoying **Christmas break from Dec. 21 through Jan. 1.**