

Superintendent Report 11/3/23

Updates from around the district and the state.

1. Thursday, November 9, 2023 marks our 59th day of student attendance.
2. The new [Illinois School Report Cards](#) were released to the public Oct. 30. There are approximately 665 high schools across the state with the top 10% of those schools receiving the designation of "Exemplary." I am pleased to announce that GHS was named to that list. Our other buildings were rated as "Commendable," the second highest rating available. These outstanding Report Cards are a credit to the hard work of our students and staff and should be applauded.
3. Nov. 15 of each year is recognized as School Board Members Day in Illinois. The honorary date is an opportunity to show support for boards of education. I would like to personally thank each of the board members for their service to this district and to the community. It truly is a thankless job, but an important one.
4. The GHS marching band competed at the St. Louis Super Regional Championship this past weekend in class 1A and placed 4th out of 11 bands, missing 3rd place by less than a point. The students got to see bands from Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Mississippi, Texas, Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin and Ohio.
5. Congratulations to the GHS boys' cross country team, which played 3rd at Saturday's Sectional meet. Tyler Gehl finished 2nd overall and Sam Mossberger came in 8th overall. For the girls' team, Brooklyn Smith advanced with a 15th overall finish (3rd place of non-qualifying teams). Best of luck to everyone at the State meet this Saturday in Peoria.
6. With Veterans Day coming up on Nov. 11, multiple buildings throughout our district will host assemblies the day before to honor those who have served.
7. Regarding certain agenda items, here is some additional, more specific information:
 - a. Geneseo Education Foundation Fall Grant Cycle
 - i. The Geneseo Education Foundation will meet on Nov. 7 to review the fall grant cycle requests. I had a chance to review the applications with them and our staff have once again thought outside the box to provide our students with enhanced and unique educational experiences.
 - b. Teacher Evaluation Plan
 - i. Every year the Formal Joint Committee, made up of an equal number of GEA members and administrators, reviews the teacher evaluation plan in accordance with Senate Bill 7 and the IL School Code. Those changes were approved by the committee earlier this week and are now being brought forward for your review and approval.
 - c. Health Insurance rates review and update in accordance with the CBA
 - i. The CBA outlines how any increase to the health insurance is to be distributed among the Board and the employee. The rate increase is attached to the packet for your review and approval.
 - d. Special Presentation on the Tax Levy

- i. Mr. Gronski will be taking you through a more detailed review of the levy, complete with assumptions based on historical data, and a deeper explanation of the levied amounts based on legal limits, anticipated needs of the district, and recommendations from our auditor.
- e. Special Presentation on Standards-Based Reporting
 - i. As requested, three teachers (one from each building-level), will be on hand to share their experiences using a standards-based reporting system.
 - ii. An article on standards-based reporting and how our district is piloting it will be published on our website and app in the coming days.