

Superintendent Report 2/7/25

Updates from around the district and the state.

1. Thursday, February 13, 2025 marks our 111th day of student attendance. As a reminder, due to the Emergency Day used on Jan. 21, school will now be in session on Feb. 17 (Presidents' Day).
2. With your approval last month, we've posted our known certified openings for the 2025-26 school year and have started to promote them with social media posts on [Jan. 16](#) and [Feb. 3](#).
3. Also on the employment front, members of our admin team will be attending a variety of college job fairs, including Western Illinois University's annual education career fair on Feb. 28, 2025, Illinois State's job fair on Mar. 4, 2025 and the Northern Iowa job fair on Mar. 7, 2025.
4. Congratulations to the six Geneseo High School students who [earned All-State Band honors](#). The students were among 1,500 selected by the Illinois Music Education Association to participate in its 2025 All-State Student Programs in Peoria, Illinois from Jan. 29-Feb. 1.
5. Winter sports seasons are nearing their end and soon the spring sports will begin. Recently, the GHS Boys' Wrestling team won the always competitive Geneseo Invitational, claimed the Western Big 6 championship, and honored Head Coach Jon Murray for his 23 years of coaching and retirement at the end of this season. GHS Girls' Wrestling won its regional championship at Illinois College and had six individual champions. The Lady Leafs have won three straight over the last week (Burlington Central, Fulton and LaSalle-Peru), and GHS Boys' Basketball knocked off Alleman on its Autograph Night.
6. The IASB Blackhawk Division Meeting will be held on March 27, 2025 from 6–8 p.m. at Rock Island High School. More details will be available soon, but when the time comes, we can register any BOE member that wishes to attend and the district will cover the \$30 registration fee.
7. ISBE executive staff are crisscrossing the state as part of an Assessment & Accountability Redesign Listening Tour to lay the foundation for new proficiency benchmarks in Illinois. Information on these events (all held from 1-3 p.m.) have been printed for the BOE in case members would like to attend.
8. Regarding certain agenda items, here is additional, more specific information:
 - a. Special Presentation
 - i. The ELT will be on hand to share information on the successes they are seeing at the elementary level as well as the many interventions and support in place to help all students be successful.
 - ii. In an effort to spread out important information and allow for more focused attention, I'm moving the Special Education presentation to March's meeting. Cassie Hanson (Henry-Stark Coordinator) will be on hand to update the board on trends we are seeing with move-ins, alternative placements, out-of-district, and severe to profound.