

Superintendent Report 3/8/24

Updates from around the district and the state.

1. Thursday, March 14th marks our 124th day of student attendance. Friday, March 15th is the last day of the 3rd quarter. It is hard to believe we are at this point in the year already.
2. GHS hosted approximately 55 businesses and organizations for a [job fair and career expo on February 16](#) at the GFAC. Students were given a chance to learn about jobs in the local community and surrounding area, as well as the education and skills needed to be considered for different roles. Thanks to Travis Mackey for organizing another successful event.
3. Winter sports have wrapped up and spring sports have begun practices. We are hoping to continue the success we experienced during the fall and winter seasons!
4. Summer school plans are being finalized and information will be shared with staff, students, and families in the coming weeks.
5. On February 29, GHS hosted its annual Academic Scholar Night to recognize our National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, Illinois State Scholars, and AP Scholars.
6. Just a reminder that daylight savings time starts Sunday, March 10, the spring equinox is March 19, and our spring break will be March 18-22.
7. Personnel update for 2024-25
 - a. Pending Board approval on March 14 of several hirings, these are the postings currently unfilled:
 - i. Elementary - 4th Grade
 - ii. GHS - Chemistry
 - iii. GMS - Science x 2
 - iv. GHS - CARES Classroom
8. The National Conference on Education was amazing! The keynote speakers, breakout session presenters, and social events allowed me to hear from some of the best school superintendents and experts in education from across the country. I am still collecting my notes and thoughts on the experience and reviewing some of our current practices and initiatives in Geneseo.
 - a. Two BIG takeaways for me were sessions on how Positive Childhood Experiences (PCEs) can help negate Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and how the Science of Hope is being used by districts to address anxiety and depression in students.
9. Regarding certain agenda items, here is additional, more specific information:
 - a. Special Presentations
 - i. Greg Wertheim will provide updates from the Henry-Stark Special Education Cooperative.
 - ii. Tom Ryerson and staff from GHS will be giving a presentation, requesting to maintain the 1-hour late start at GHS next school year.
 1. I fully support this recommendation.