

Superintendent Report 5/3/24

Updates from around the district and the state.

1. Thursday, May 9 will mark our 158th day of student attendance and leaves just 17 school days left in the school year. Just a reminder that Tuesday, June 4 is an 11:30 dismissal. The first day of student attendance for the [2024-25 school year](#) is scheduled for Wednesday, August 14.
2. Spring sports (baseball, track and field, soccer, tennis, and softball) are well underway and the postseason will begin soon. What trophies and medals will our teams and individuals bring home this year? Time will tell. Schedules of remaining contests [can be found online](#).
3. Many extracurricular camps and clinics will take place this summer. Families should be on the lookout for camp forms at each school building and in your email.
4. Regarding personnel for 2024-25, we still have a couple vacancies. I will give a real-time update during the board meeting as we hope to fill a few positions this month.
5. In case you missed it, Geneseo High School has again earned high national and metro-area rankings from U.S. News in its 2024 Best High Schools. According to the report, GHS is ranked 81st within Illinois out of 673 schools and 2,134th nationally out of 17,655 schools with an overall score of 87.91 out of 100. In the fall, U.S. News ranked GHS as 96th among Illinois schools and 2,717th nationally. Regionally, GHS continues to rank second, trailing only Pleasant Valley High School in Bettendorf. You can [read more about the rankings on our website](#).
6. Regarding certain agenda items, below is additional, more specific information:
 - a. Certified Employee Retirements
 - i. We will be recognizing the educational careers of:
 1. Christine Bumann (GMS Geography) - 33 years of service in IL
 2. Karna Frerichs (GMS Physical Education) - 34 IL
 3. Michelle Ganson (GHS Instructional Coach) - 24 IL
 4. Frances Hirschfelder (GHS Science) - 22 IL
 5. Timothy McComber (GMS Science) - 5 IL + 26 other state = 31
 6. Melanie Rice (GHS Social Worker) - 34 IL
 - b. Special Presentations
 - i. I will be sharing about the need to split two special education classrooms and ideas to address the lack of available spaces in the future.
 - c. Policy Committee Update
 - i. You will see the minutes from our [meeting on April 24, 2024](#) in the board packet. Committee members may also add some individual updates.
 - d. Coaching Evaluation Instrument Committee
 - i. You will see the minutes from our [meeting on April 26, 2024](#) in the board packet. Committee members may also add some individual updates.