

## **Superintendent Report 8/2/24**

Updates from around the district and the state.

1. Wednesday, August 14 marks the first day of student attendance. We've had a lot of new-to-the-district students register this year. I will have final enrollment numbers for you by Monday, August 19.
2. Our Leadership Teams did an excellent job of filling many open certified positions this year so we can be fully staffed on the first day of school. Most of them have already been [introduced on our website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), and warmly welcomed by the community. A complete list of certified additions is below for your convenience.
3. The middle school and high school summer projects are finished and look great. Our maintenance and custodial staff across the district did an excellent job getting each of our buildings ready for the first day of classes and even got our teachers back in their classrooms as early as possible. A brief summary of some of the projects and some photos are attached to my report.
4. I recently attended a meeting hosted by a company called [APEX](#) that plans to build up to 75 new windmills in Henry County, a majority of which would fall within our district's boundaries. This could generate additional tax revenue through an increased EAV.
5. Kudos to the teachers, students, and everyone else involved in the expanded summer school program this year. This program has helped our students recover unfinished learning and given them a boost into the coming school year!
6. As a part of the policy committee's work on PRESS Issue #115, some discussion was had regarding Policy 4:70 and whether the district should have an energy audit performed, looking specifically at solar energy options at GMS and GHS. There are preferred vendors who partner with IASB, IASA, and IASBO that work specifically with school districts, know the red tape that exists, and help get boards viable options to consider. More information will be shared once we know the particulars.
7. On our website is a list of [key dates for the 2024-25 school year](#). We thought this would be a helpful resource for parents – these dates are also listed on the website and app's district calendar (events).
8. Regarding certain agenda items, here is some additional, more specific information:
  - a. Tentative FY25 Budget for Review
    - i. I will let Tim share additional details with you when he presents the tentative budget for the 2024-25 school year.

## **New Certified Staff Hires and Transfers 2024-2025**

1. Calla Ritchie - GHS English (McNamara)
2. Sara Bertelsen - GHS Instructional Coach (Ganson)
3. Angelia Baumgartner - GHS Science (Hirschfelder)
4. Kristy VanOpDorp - GHS Science (Bertelsen)
5. Megan Miller - GHS PE (Vacant - K Vankerbroeck)
6. Matt Furlong - GHS Wellness/BTW/History/Psychology (New Position)

7. Rachel Hamilton - GMS Instructional Coach (Gale)
8. Tayloran Atwell, Provisional WIU MAT - GMS Science (McComber)
9. Nora Minnaert - GMS Science (VanOpDorp)
10. Kimberly Vandewoestyne - GMS PE (Frerichs)
11. Melissa Jackson - GMS Geography (Bumann)
12. Shelly Britt - GMS 6th Grade ELA (Bonham)
13. Emily Ryerson - NS 4th Grade (O'Brien)
14. Rachel Oeder - NS 3rd Grade Grade (Monier)
15. Jennifer Nelson - NS 1st Grade (Conduff)
16. Tami Monier - SW SPED (New Position)
17. Nicole Ruthaivilavan - Millikin IC (Hamilton)
18. Kaitlyn Peters - Millikin 3rd Grade (Ruthaivilivan)
19. Haley Tromblee - Music Millikin (Rogers)
20. Quincy McSweeney - GHS Science (Komel)
21. Michelle Westerdale - GHS Counselor (Johnson)
22. Shay Moorman - GMS 6th Grade Art (Whitenburg)
23. Janea Oaks - GHS CARES Classroom (New Position)

#### Henry-Stark certified employees

1. Tricia Hull - Life skills essential skills at Northside
2. Julia Stevens - Social Worker at Southwest
3. Philip Casarotto - GMS Cross Cat Teacher (Wancket)
4. Christine Rogers - CC at Millikin (Williams)
5. Hannah Hutton- Speech at Millikin (Zima)

The following pages include a few pictures of just some of the work that's been done across the district this summer:

- 1) new gutters and snow guards on the GFAC
- 2) new paint in the GHS Ag/FFA classroom
- 3) new gutters and snow guard at GMS
- 4) new flooring in the GMS library
- 5) new flooring and furniture in the GMS office







