

## **Superintendent Report 8/4/23**

Updates from around the district and the state.

1. Wednesday, August 16 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 21.
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 [profiled on our website](#) and [Facebook page](#), and warmly welcomed by the community. A complete list of certified additions is below for your convenience.
3. The middle school flooring project is finished and looks 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 summary of the projects and some photos are attached to my report.
4. Kudos to the teachers, students, and everyone else involved in the expanded summer school program this year. This program, which again featured STEM-focused classes ([and was written about on our website](#)), has helped our students recover unfinished learning and given them a boost into the coming school year!
5. Relating to a question brought up by board members in May, I thought this item from the June IHSA meeting was timely:
  - a. In other business, the IHSA Board of Directors: required all IHSA coaches to complete CPR/AED certification from a school district-recognized provider. A "recognized provider" is one whose curriculum is similar to the American Red Cross and American Heart Association. New coaches must complete the course during their first year of coaching. At no time may a team practice, travel or compete without at least one adult present who has met this requirement. "The events surrounding Damar Hamlin's resuscitation after suffering cardiac arrest during an NFL game last season reinforced the importance of individuals being educated in life-saving measures like CPR," IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson said in a written statement. "We recognize there will be some commitment of time and resources from IHSA schools to help bring their coaching staff into compliance with this new policy, but know it is well worth it if even one life can be saved as a result."
6. Andrew Paleczny will be here to present on the progress of our CTE Center.
7. After the adoption of the updated policy manual this month, your work is not over as new laws have since been passed. PRESS Issue #112 came out in May and the policy committee will need to review recommended changes to the manual yet again. I will schedule a time for us to meet before the September board meeting.
8. A quick update regarding the resolution we sent IASB to consider bringing to the delegate assembly in November.
  - a. The IASB review panel is meeting on 8/4/23 to review all resolutions submitted from across the state. They sent me an email this week with the following additional information.

- i. *In addition, I wanted to pass on some information that staff provided during their analysis. Current Position Statement 2.33 Evidence-Based Funding (EBF) Model already directs IASB to support EBF as the model for state aid distribution. EBF includes funds for analysts and alternative schools. IASB continues to advocate to fully fund EBF satisfies this proposition.*
  - ii. *In addition, current Position statement 2.14 Alternative Schools already directs IASB to support alternative education funding. Furthermore, 105 ILCS 5/13A-2.5 restricts alternative schools to suspension or expulsion eligible students in grades 6-12. A legislative change would be needed to open them up to grades K-5.*
- 9. Regarding certain agenda items, here is some additional, more specific information:
  - a. Tentative FY23 Budget for Review
    - i. I will let Tim share additional details with you when he presents the tentative budget for the 2023-24 school year.
  - b. Affirmation of 2023-24 Board Goals and Board Committees
    - i. The BOE developed these tentative goals and committees at the special meeting in July. This would affirm them and communicate to stakeholders what your areas of focus are for the current school year.

#### **New Certified Staff Hires and Transfers 2023-2024**

1. Katelyn McNamara - GHS English (Schnedden)
2. Ryan Hill - GHS English (New Position)
3. Kirk Wyffels - GHS CTE (New Position)
4. Jacqueline Walters - GHS Ag Science (Lock)
5. Tyler Puls - GMS 6th Grade Social Studies (DePauw)
6. Amber Whitenburg - GMS 6th Gr Art (Wolfe)
7. Jacquelyn Peters - GMS 8th Gr SpEd Resource (T. Puls)
8. Katherine Wohrley - GMS 7th Gr Math (K. Morey)
9. Christine Sancken - MIL Reading Specialist (D'Hondt)
10. Teresa Raske - MIL 2nd Grade (Sancken)
11. Miranda Bolte - MIL 1st Grade (Bates)
12. Emily Pobanz - MIL 1st Grade (Raske)
13. Elizabeth Timmerman - MIL Kindergarten (Wyffels)
14. Melanie Graff - NS 1st Grade (Buennig)
15. Delaney O'Brien - NS 4th Grade (Rickman)
16. Carson Dodge - NS 3rd Grade (Graff)
17. Molly Mickley - NS 4th Grade (Peal)
18. Kyle Morey - SW Math Interventionist (Humphries)
19. Grace Orlikowski - SW 4th Grade (J. Kelly)
20. Jacqueline Kelly - SW 3rd Grade (S. King)
21. Julie Boone - SW Kindergarten (Bolte)

22. Laurel Filzen Etzel - NS Vocal Music (Teske)
23. Erika Gutierrez - GHS Spanish (Avea)
24. Holly Landry - NS Art (Kegebein)
25. Kelly Vankerrebroeck - GHS FACS (Decker)

Henry-Stark certified employees that are invited to the new teacher orientation on 8/11/23:

1. Shelby Brasmer- Mil 4th Grade CC
2. Sarah Williams - Mil K/1 CC
3. Rose Hall- Psychologist
4. Ali Kazubowski- Psychologist
5. Kelly Sikardi- Social Worker
6. Ashley Mancera- Speech
7. Madison Wancket- GMS CC
8. Amber Mattly- NS Life Skills (Einspar)

Here are a few pictures of some of the work that's been done across the district: 1) foundation of the new buildings and trades house, 2) CTE Center, and 3) new playground addition at Millikin, and 4) new playground addition at Northside. A PowerPoint of other projects completed at GMS, created by Mr. O'Dell and Miss Wendy are attached to the board packet.





