

Superintendent Updates

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Dear Gull Lake Families and School Community,

We are just finishing up our first week back to in-person learning after an extended pause to regroup. During our pause, staff and students switched effectively from in-person instruction to remote virtual instruction and back again. In a year that is far from normal, we are fortunate to have an experienced and dedicated group of professionals who are stepping up to meet the needs of kids and families at every opportunity. Please continue to practice our strict COVID-19 safety protocols diligently on a daily basis so that we can maximize our opportunities to come together for learning.

We are encouraged by the progress being made on the development, manufacture, delivery and approval of the Pfizer vaccine that will be made available in the coming months to our school community. Our Kalamazoo Health and Community Services department is working tirelessly to receive, store and deliver the many doses that will be required to slow the Pandemic to a gradual halt so that we can move forward with confidence. I encourage all of us to think ahead and plan to participate in the next steps of this process as part of our humble duty to each other. All of us doing our small part produces big results.

District Highlight:

Each year the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association (MEMSPA) recognizes principals from our regional principal networks for their dedicated contributions to their local school communities as well as their demonstrated commitment to their professional association colleagues. We are pleased to announce that Dr. Carmen Maring, Gull Lake Middle School principal, is the MEMSPA Region 4 Honoree for 2020!

Paul Liabenow, MEMSPA Executive Director has this to say about Dr. Maring: "MEMSPA is pleased to honor Dr. Carmen Maring as our Region 4 Outstanding Practicing Principal. She is truly dedicated to her students, staff, community and family. She has taken her role at MEMSPA to new levels as the Middle Level chair. She is a leader among leaders."

Gull Lake Community Schools is proud to have Dr. Carmen Maring serving the students and families of Gull Lake Middle School and appreciates all she does to make Gull Lake a special place for learning, growing and achieving.

Have a wonderful weekend!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Raphael Rittenhouse". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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