

Superintendent Updates

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Dear Gull Lake Community School Families,

As we head into our next Holiday break, I want to thank all of you for your part in keeping our in-person learning environment as safe as possible during this time of challenge and hope. So many of you have made difficult choices to protect your households and community from potential COVID exposures, and the results are becoming evident. Over the past two weeks, we have seen a dramatic improvement in our numbers, and it has been very encouraging. Our in-person learning environments have not required additional contact tracing and as of Thursday, no new cases have been presented in grades Y5-8. Thank you for helping to make this happen!

Given our experience over the past two weeks, we will return to in-person learning on January 4th for grades Y5 - 8 in a five-day in-person instructional mode. Grades 9 - 12 will return to in-person learning on Monday/Tuesday and Thursday/Friday with Wednesday reserved for small group remote virtual instruction and the ability to connect with teachers online. At this time, the MDHHS order limiting high school instruction to virtual only is set to expire on December 20th. If there is any change to this status, we will immediately notify high school students and families.

District Highlight:

Our District Highlight for the week recognizes GLHS teacher and Instructional Technology Coach, Gail Goebel, for becoming a *Google for Education* Level 2 Certified Trainer! This certification allows Gail to help teachers build more efficient classrooms, improve student outcomes and promote leadership skills. Congratulations on attaining this new level of training and promoting instructional technology best practices that benefit our kids and families!

The next newsletter will be posted on January 8th. I want to wish all of you a very Happy Holiday and the best of this special Season. A new year is fast approaching!

Be safe, be well,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Raphael Rittenhouse'.

Raphael Rittenhouse/Superintendent
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