

# Superintendent Updates

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**Raphael Rittenhouse**  
Superintendent

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Dear Gull Lake Community Schools Families,

We are pleased to announce the availability of an optional vaccine clinic that will be hosted at a Gull Lake Community Schools location on May 17th. The Pfizer vaccine will be offered to any of our students and families interested in participating. The second dose clinic will be held on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Our interest survey form went out to high school students yesterday and the middle school interest survey form will go out today. There is already enough interest indicated to host the clinic, and we will determine location based on the survey results. We highly anticipate that students aged 12 and older will be eligible for the vaccine by the date of our first clinic.

The Kalamazoo County Health and Community Services Department has confirmed that eligible students who receive the two-dose series will have added benefits for the start of school this coming August. They will not be required to quarantine if they are deemed to be a close contact. If a student athlete has the vaccine, they will have the same benefit. Many of our students in this age range have experienced one or more quarantines over the course of the school year, and this option will maximize daily in-person attendance for eligible students.

As we head into Mother's Day weekend, we want to recognize all the positive contributions of our GLCS School Family Moms! Thank you for your love, care and conversations as the first teachers for your kids. We wish all of you a restful weekend full of love and appreciation for all that you do!

Best regards,

Raphael Rittenhouse/Superintendent

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Raphael Rittenhouse".

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