Dear Gull Lake Families and Staff,

On Tuesday, our staff gathered in the new Gull Lake Center for the Fine Arts for their opening day celebration. Our Director of Curriculum and Instructional Technology, Mr. Drew Bordner, put together an incredible program with the planning team for all participants dubbing it “Gull Lake’s Got Talent!” The day began early, with our Student Senate welcoming staff into the building with treats and a tunnel cheer. Staff were served breakfast under the supervision of our new Food Service director, Josh Reames, before entering the auditorium for the star-studded main event.

Participants heard inspiring words from members of the student body, School Board, and GLCS Foundation sandwiched between a wide variety of entertainment acts. Performances included a visit from our Gull Lake Marching Band and the Richland Staff Choir “Back Tutu School” Extravaganza led by 1st grade teacher “with sparkle”, Karen Koetz. The event wrapped up with a visit from “Olde School”, a rock and roll cover band comprised of emeritus Fine Arts staff members Robin Nott, Randy Walbridge, former superintendent Chris Rundle and current High School principal, Don Eastman. Did I mention it was a star-studded event?

The positive energy and joy expressed by our talented team was evident throughout the event as people cheered, clapped, and rose to their feet in support of the performers. Our GLEA teacher association raffled off several prizes provided for the occasion by generous local donors. It was clearly evident how much this team of educators love their kids and their profession, and how ready they are to engage and inspire learners. It’s going to be a great year!

See you next week and GO GULL LAKE!!!

Raphael Rittenhouse/Superintendent
Gull Lake Community Schools