



Superintendent's Report - Board of Education Meeting – April 17, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

Ambitious Instruction – *Classes are academically demanding and engage students by emphasizing the application of knowledge.*

- Gower's Early Childhood Program was audited by the Illinois State Board of Education as a compliance requirement of [LADSE's](#) Preschool for All Grant this spring and results are anticipated in the fall
- The K-8 Art Committee has completed their program evaluation. New units are being developed to incorporate the new [Fine Arts standards](#). There are no new budgetary recommendations at this time.
- The Range of Readiness model developed in Gower as a more inclusive and student-focused approach to 'high school readiness' has been built in collaboration with area superintendents and [NWEA \(Appendix A\)](#)
- Registration for our K-5 Camp Invention Summer Program is closed. We reached our cap of 110 Campers!
- Gower is hosting a mini-STEM Camp at GM for grades 6-8 on June 12-14 (more information [here](#))

Supportive Environment – *The school environment is safe, clean and conducive to student learning. Teachers have high expectations for students. Students have the support of their teachers as well as their peers.*

- Year to Date attendance rates (Previous Year): 95.1% (95.6%) for our 905 (888) students; 96.6% (96.4%) for our 81 (83) Certified Staff and 96.2% (96.3%) for our 68 (70) Non-Certified Staff. Goal = 97%+ [78% on 3/23]
- Gower staff led a Lunch and Learn on April 12th to share instructional strategies on vocabulary at West and empowering students to take an active role in their learning across classrooms at Middle
- 3rd Qtr. Discipline Reports indicate an increase in reported infractions at GM and no change at GW compared to last year ([Appendix B](#))
- Required staff trainings (Educator Ethics) were held during April faculty meetings and led by principals
- Facilities: GW water heater & GM water fountain/bottle filler upgrade project completed

Involved Families and Community – *Strong relationships are built across the community to support learning.*

- Families are invited to attend the [Walk for Water](#) event on 4/28 to increase awareness of global water issues
- The [WSCAE Art Expo](#) is on April 28th at the Chaney Mansion and will feature artwork from both schools
- The District's Multicultural Night (3/16) at GM was well attended and represented over 100 countries!
- Gower 62 is working with the [Indian Prairie Public Library](#) to develop a menu of summer class offerings led by Gower staff (more information to be shared in the IPPL newsletter and Principal eblasts)
- The GM Science Olympiad Team competed at the [College of DuPage Regional Tournament](#) (3/10)
- 5-Essentials Survey Data was made available to school districts 3/30 prior to the 6/30 public release date and is being reviewed by district/school staff. Early indicators suggest improvement in targeted areas.
- Legislative Update: The [Accelerated Placement Act](#) will go into effect on July 1, 2018 with Board policy recommendation forthcoming. District [Evidence Based Funding](#) calculations have been updated by ISBE

Collaborative Teachers & Staff – *The staff is committed to the school, receives strong professional development, & works together to improve.*

- The Board of Education and the Gower Education Association report that they are "on-track" in terms of the [Collective Bargaining Timeline](#) and continue to negotiate current [CBA](#) issues
- The Gower Parent/Teacher Advisory Committee is meeting on May 1st to discuss the 2018-2019 handbook
- Committee meetings continue and most recently included the Summer Planning meetings for STEM & Step-Up, K-8 Art, Tech Team, and K-8 Science in support of our 2017-18 school/district improvement
- Teacher In-Service (4/19) will be led by school leadership teams and focus on school improvement process

Effective Leaders – *School leaders work with staff to implement a clear and strategic vision for school success.*

- GW has been awarded as a 2017-18 [Capturing Kids' Hearts Showcase School](#). One of very few schools across the country with a Threepeat!
- Schools can expect a 'Tier' designation based on a number of accountability measures in May/June according to the [Illinois State Board of Education Every Student Succeeds Act \(ESSA\) Plan \(Appendix C\)](#)
- Retirement in GW Learning Center (ESP) has led to a recommendation to restructure current student supports related to Library/Media services including a new certified position ([Appendix D](#))
- District Admin have secured ~\$6,000 in Classroom Observation Training scholarships for staff since 2014
- Preliminary FY19 budgets have been presented to the BOE for O & M and Transportation
- District local revenue projections for FY19 were within 0.01% of the final property tax levy calculated by the [DuPage County Clerk](#). The \$13,210,884 tax extension represents roughly 90% of total revenue.