



Superintendent's Report - Board of Education Meeting – June 16,, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.

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

- The P.E. Dept. has submitted student fitness data related to Enhanced P.E. requirements ([Appendix A](#))
- Gower Middle will offer a writing intervention class for 5th-8th grade students as an additional student support and part of the overall Response to Intervention program beginning in the 2020-21 school year
- Summer Step Up, Extended School Year, and Summer Sketch Club are continuing remotely
- In the absence of End of Year Student Performance data, District Goals will remain unchanged for 2020-21
- Innovate 62 and Tech Team are on-schedule for the recommended SMART Board replacement cycle at GM
- The GW school-wide reading initiative, 'Compassion, Empathy, Speaking Up', in 2019-20 was successful with the GM initiative cut short due to extended school closure (2020-21 district-wide plan underway)

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.*

- The [Breakfast & Lunch Grab n' Go Program](#) continues to be available at Door #1 at Gower West on Tuesdays and Thursdays and will include free book bags to provide access to books and promote reading
- Our Community Relations (8:110) and Equal Educational Opportunities policies (7:10) help ensure that all proposed programs, curriculum, and practices consider and remove any disparities or barriers that may exist, promote equity and cultural competency, and maximize involvement across our community ([Appendix B](#))
- Each of our school campuses are on schedule for cleaning to be completed ahead of reopening and to allow additional time for any preparations needed for return to school in [Phase 4](#) of the [Restore IL Plan](#)
- GM HVAC Project underway along with GW & GM LED Lighting Project (Phase 2) - Completion of Phase 2 comes with significant energy cost savings and completes conversion to LED at both campuses
- Facilities Update: Revised drafts of the proposed addition at GW, developed from our Campus Facility and Project Survey, are available for review and the work in our Prototype Classrooms is underway ([Appendix C](#))

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

- Electronic registration for returning students is well underway for GW and GM through the use of the new Gower DocuSign process. Registration for new families will utilize the district's new PowerSchool Program
- Parents and families are encouraged to visit the [Gower PTO](#) and the [Gower Foundation](#) websites for updated information on ongoing activities/programs
- Plans for the 5th Grade Orientation and Transition from GW to GM are underway (detailed info to follow)
- The preliminary [5-Essentials Survey Data](#) release date has been delayed by the state due to extended school closures and is anticipated in the coming weeks
- 2020-21 Kindergarten registration continues with 65 new Gladiators registered (19' = 71; 18' = 80; 17' = 72)

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

- The Professional Development Committee launched the Virtual Summer 2020 #GowerLearns Pathways to include Pathway #1: Focus on Digital Learning Tools, Pathway #2: Virtual Book Club, *Live Your Excellence*, and Pathway #3: Google I and II Certification
- Curriculum committee meetings and summer work will continue virtually and includes the following topics in June: GM Civics, GM STEM, GM Special Education Resource Planning
- The [PERA Committee](#) is scheduled to meet virtually to complete the new rubric for the District Math Specialist, which is a new position for the 2020-2021 school year
- New Teacher Orientation is scheduled for Aug. 12-14 & Teacher Institute is scheduled for Aug. 18 & 19
- The District Transition to In-Person Learning Committee met 6/10 to continue planning for the opening of the 2020-21 school year - [CDC](#) and [ISBE Guidance](#) Documents are being used to drive this work

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

- District [Federal Grant Plans](#) for FY21 will be submitted by June 30th according to ISBE requirements
- Gower Admin is represented on the DuPage County planning committee for return to in-person instruction
- Gower Admin is represented on the ISBE Remote Learning Recommendations Committee responsible for developing an updated draft to the [initial guidelines](#) shared in March for potential use in 2020-21
- The District has been allocated \$70,023 in [CARES Act](#) funds to supplement/expand eLearning costs
- Gower Admin are working with CKH to build a collaborative training effort for new staff across multiple school districts (Gower 62, Flossmoor 161, Riverdale 148)
- The Board will consider final referendum language for the [GW Addition](#) at the July 21st Board Meeting