



Superintendent's Report - Board of Education Meeting – October 18, 2022 - 7:00 p.m.

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

- [NWEA/MAP](#) Beginning of Year benchmark testing in Reading and Math is complete for our K-8 students and the resulting data will be used to shape classroom instruction and student learning ([Appendix A](#))
- Individual student IAR (Spring 2022) and NWEA/MAP (Fall 2022) scores will be sent home on 10/21
- The Illinois State Board of Education is expected to release the [IL School Report Card](#) on Oct. 27th which will include 2022 IAR student performance data as well as a new data set on the [Equity Journey Continuum](#)
- K, 2nd, & 4th gr. students will receive instruction through the [YWCA Child Assault Program](#) (Oct. 11-14) to meet [Erin's Law](#) requirements. ECE, 1st, & 3rd gr. students are instructed by our Social Workers
- Our 5th grade students and families participated in our annual [Health/Puberty Program](#) led by Candor Health Education held virtually this year on October 6th

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: 94.0% (96.0%) for our 552 GW students; 96.2% (96.8%) for our 374 GM students; 95.2% (96.9%) for our 94 Certified Staff and 95.8% (96.8%) for our 59 Non-Certified Staff. *Previous year data*
- Required staff trainings in October were completed (10/18) by staff on Erin's Law, McKinney-Vento, Domestic and Sexual Violence; and Teen Dating Violence at GM
- Special Education Teams and related paraprofessionals received training on October 7 and 31 for Nonviolent Crisis Prevention led by trained Gower staff
- Student medical compliance is 96.7% (GW) & 98.0% (GM) prior to the 10/15 deadline (96.5%/97.0% in 2021)
- [COVID-19 Community Levels](#) are at Low Risk for DuPage County. Families are encouraged to cooperate with masking requests when notified of *exposure*. COVID-19 testing is available at both schools free of charge - Visit our [COVID-19 information web page](#) for more information
- Facilities Update: Visit our [Campus Project website](#) to track progress which is on-schedule for Spring 2023

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

- Our annual Bring Your Parent to School Day at GW was held on Oct. 7th with over 382 parent visitors!
- GM Invite Only Parent Teacher Conferences were held on Oct. 12th from 3:45-6:45 pm; GW and GM have Parent Teacher Conferences on Nov. 21st from 8 am to 8 pm - More details to follow from school principals
- The Gower Foundation Gala held on Sept. 17th was a great success raising over \$40,000 for school projects!
- Parents and families are encouraged to visit the [Gower PTO](#) and the [Gower Foundation](#) websites for updated information on ongoing activities/programs
- GW & GM parents are encouraged to use the [Parent Portal](#) to monitor student progress

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

- Gower West earned the Preschool for All Gold Rating again this year; and continues to meet the eligibility requirements for the [ExceleRate Illinois Gold Circle of Quality](#)
- District Committee work continues and most recently involved our District ELL team, Social Studies, Science, Special Education Teams, District Mentoring, and K-4 Math
- Our afternoon Professional Learning on 10/7 and 10/31 are school-based and focused on Using Data to Guide Instruction, Social Science Standards review, Standards Based Grading on 10/7, and the IL School Report Card and Curriculum Alignment work by departments/grade level teams on 10/31.
- Nov. 22: [eLearning Day \(Practice Run\)](#) - Students are **not** in session. eLearning activities/assignments will be posted no later than 8:30 a.m. Teachers are “e”available for guidance and assistance from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm

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

- The final 2022-23 District Budget was adopted by the Board of Ed. on 9/18 and posted on our website [here](#)
- Gower will receive a total of \$110,916 for 2022-2023 in the [ESEA as Amended Grant](#) distributed as follows: Title I (\$82,104), Title II (\$18,812), and Title IV (\$10,000)
- Our [IDEA Part B Consolidated Grant](#) was approved (\$189,883) to support our Early Childhood Program and our Special Needs (IEP) students to off-set program costs.
- Gower schools will receive a final ‘[Summative Designation](#)’ on Oct 27th based on a number of [Individual Indicators](#) as part of the 2022 ISBE Report Card and the state’s [Support and Accountability \(ESSA\) Plan](#)
- The Principal Evaluation Model for 2022-2023 has been initiated and is based on 50% Professional Practice and 50% Student Growth ([Appendix B](#))