Granite City Community Unit School District #9

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025 | 6:00 PM

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AGENDA

I. ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION; (The Board of Education begins each meeting with an Invocation. Citizens or parents with children in attendance, who do not wish to participate, may wait outside the Board Room until after the Board moves to Item IV, Public Comment.)

- Pastor William Hale with St. John's Lutheran Church will offer the invocation.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT; (The Granite City Board of Education welcomes visitors – including employees, students, parents and other citizens – to its regular meetings. To accommodate the public, certain rules have been established. Any person wishing to give Public Comment(s) during a regular or special Board of Education meeting is encouraged to register with the Superintendent's Office prior to the meeting. Any person may comment to the School Board (public participation), subject to the reasonable constraints established and recorded in the guidelines below. During public participation, there will be a 20-minute minimum total length of time for any one subject. When public participation takes less time than these minimums, it shall end. To preserve sufficient time for the Board to conduct its business, any person appearing before the Board is expected to follow these guidelines:

1. Address the Board only at the appropriate time as indicated on the agenda and when recognized by the Board President.
2. Identify oneself and be brief. Ordinarily, the time for any one person to address the Board during public participation shall be limited to five minutes.
3. Observe, when necessary and appropriate, the Shortening of the time for each person to address the Board during public participation to conserve time and give the maximum number of people an opportunity to speak;
4. Conduct oneself with respect and civility toward others. Petitions or written correspondence to the Board shall be presented to the Board in the next regular Board packet.
5. To maintain confidentiality, the BOE asks that any matters concerning personnel or students be communicated to the BOE privately.

The public should not expect a Board response during Public Comment. There may be discussion by the Board concerning Public Comment when the issue is addressed on the Agenda.

Please send any public comment requests/statements to any of the following individuals by 12PM on Thursday, February 6, 2025:

Donald J. Harris, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools; superintendent.office@gcsd9.net
Tallin Curran, President, Board of Education; tallin.curran@gcsd9.net
Cory Ervay, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent; cory.ervay@gcsd9.net

A. GCSD9 BOE and Administration would like to recognize the following Granite City High School Band Students. They made their mark at the **Illinois Music Education Association {ILMEA} All-State Band Competition** this year and were selected to perform in the ILMEA All-State Festival.

{All-State Band}

Junior, Karlisa Brent; Flute

{All-State Orchestra}

Senior, Bailey Hanks; French Horn

{Honors All-State Band}

Junior, Adrianna Ireland; Trumpet

Senior, Victoria Robinson, Euphonium

Junior, Alyssa White, Bass Clarinet

The Illinois Music Education Association (ILMEA) is an organization established to provide professional growth opportunities for Illinois music teachers and to provide music making opportunities for the most talented music students in the state. Outstanding students undergo a rigorous audition procedure based on musical etudes and scales in order to be selected to participate in the District Festival in November. Students receiving high scores at the ILMEA District Festival advanced to perform at the ILMEA All-State Festival.

The students performed before a packed house in the Peoria Civic Center on Saturday, February 1, 2025. This is the highest honor high school musicians can receive, and we are extremely proud of them!

B. GCSD9 BOE and Administration would like to recognize GCHS Assistant Band Director Jaida Brockman for receiving the **Eastern Illinois University Outstanding Early Career Award**.

The EIU Outstanding Early Career Award recognizes an EIU alum who graduated less than 5 years ago, has demonstrated success as a new teacher, and shows promise of being a leader in the field.

Miss Brockman completed her student teaching here in the Spring of 2021, and is currently in her fourth year of teaching here in the Granite City School District. She uses an extremely student-centered approach to teaching, allowing her students to be involved in the decision making process, fostering collaboration, and creating a highly productive team environment.

The GCSD9 is lucky to have such an incredible educator *and overall good human* on its teaching staff. Congratulations to Miss Brockman!

V. MINUTES;

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on **January 14, 2025**. {available upon request}

VI. CONSENT AGENDA; (The Consent Agenda contains those items that are repetitive and routine in nature. Any member may make a motion to approve the Consent Agenda or request that any of the items be moved to Section VII for individual discussion and consideration.) Consent Agenda items are listed below and on the GCSD9 website.

A. **Treasurer's Reports**; (1)

Treasurer's Report from December 2024;
{available upon request}

B. **Bill List**; (2)

Bill List from January 8, 2025 - February 5, 2025
{available upon request}

C. **Donations**;
{see page 2 for detailed information}

Tyler Timmins Memorial Foundation; Prather

Kevin Nicol; CJHS Band Department

Darlene Camren; CJHS Band Department

Family of Cora Joan Mucho; Maryville Special Ed. Department

VII. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

VIII. Recommendations and Communications - Human Resources

A. Rescind Retirements and Resignations; (3)

B. Retirements and Resignations; (3)

C. Leaves of Absence; (3)

D. Extensions to Leaves of Absence; (4)

E. Extracurricular Resignations for the 2024-2025 School Year; (5)

F. Extracurricular Recommendations for the 2024-2025 School Year; (6)

G. Extracurricular Volunteers for the 2024-2025 School Year; (7)

H. Employee Discipline; (8)

I. Certified and Classified Substitutes for the 2024-2025 School Year; (9)

J. Employments;

1. Employment of Lake-ESSC Administrative Assistant for the 2024-2025 School Year; (10)
2. Employment of Special Education Paraprofessional for the 2024-2025 School Year; (11)

IX. Old Business; N/A

X. New Business;

A. Ratification of the Mc2 Solar Agreement; (12-14)

B. After-School Tutoring Program; (15)

C. SWIC/Prather Pre-K/Kindergarten Center Agreement; (16-20)

XI. Reports and Other Communications;

1. Student Discipline

A. CEO Student Discipline {Expulsion}; (21)

2. Administrative Reports and Updates

A. Donna Whyte ESGI Report; (22)
{for review only, no vote}

B. Freedom of Information Act Requests; {FOIA}; (22)
{for review only, no vote}

C. Illinois Association of School Board {IASB} Liaison Report; (22)
{Linda Knogl, BOE Treasurer}

XII. Executive Session

Exceptions noted under 5 ILCS 120/2 Open Meetings:

- The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; 2(c)(1)
- Student disciplinary matters; 2(c)(9)
- The purchase or lease of real property for use by the public body; or setting price thereof; 2(c)(5)(6)
- Collective bargaining matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives; and 2(c)(2)
- Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed…is probable or imminent; 2(c)(11)
- To discuss school building safety and security and security procedures. 2(c)(8); and
- Student Safety; 2(c)(8)

XIII. Executive Session Minutes;

1. Approval of the Executive Session Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on **January 14, 2025**.

IX. Setting of the Agenda; February 25, 2025 Board of Education Meeting.

X. Adjournment

TO: DONALD J. HARRIS, ED.D., SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

FROM: ZACK SUHRE, CHIEF SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIAL

RE: GCSD9/REGION I TREASURER'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2024

DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 2025

GCSD9 and Region I Treasurer's Reports

December 31, 2024

APPROVED: _____

Linda Knogl, Treasurer

	Fund	Beginning Cash	Revenue	Journal	Payroll	Disburse	Ending Cash
10	EDUCATION	$ 76,587,686.53	$ 6,595,812.85	$ (8,592.85)	$ (3,795,447.30)	$ (1,490,125.51)	$ 77,889,333.72
11	STUDENT ACTIVITIES	$ 791,563.62	$ 55,985.51	$ (5,737.52)	$ -	$ (57,345.33)	$ 784,466.28
14	LEASE	$ 698,597.16	$ 51,950.32	$ -	$ -	$ (11,742.76)	$ 738,804.72
20	OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE	$ 3,466,712.27	$ 1,186,448.30	$ (12,158.80)	$ (411,172.80)	$ (484,428.96)	$ 3,745,400.01
30	DEBT SERVICE	$ (836,840.01)	$ 282,855.11	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ (553,984.90)
40	TRANSPORTATION	$ 3,287,982.60	$ 233,444.13	$ -	$ -	$ (644,710.60)	$ 2,876,716.13
50	MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	$ 3,067,357.46	$ 123,751.64	$ -	$ (86,542.40)	$ -	$ 3,104,566.70
51	FICA/SOCIAL SECURITY	$ 630,002.54	$ 153,433.00	$ -	$ (123,823.62)	$ -	$ 659,611.92
60	CAPITAL PROJECTS	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
70	WORKING CASH	$ 30,552,264.17	$ 71,269.69	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 30,623,533.86
80	TORT	$ 3,772,722.72	$ 169,426.04	$ -	$ -	$ (4,156.79)	$ 3,937,991.97
90	FIRE/LIFE SAFETY	$ 1,468,546.73	$ 52,462.96	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 1,521,009.69
	TOTAL	$ 123,486,595.79	$ 8,976,839.55	$ (26,489.17)	$ (4,416,986.12)	$ (2,692,509.95)	$ 125,327,450.10

	Fund	Beginning Cash	Revenue	Journal	Payroll	Disburse	Ending Cash
12	REGION I	$ 1,221,492.24	$ 125,950.69	$ -	$ (108,485.23)	$ (25,747.99)	$ 1,213,209.71
	TOTAL	$ 124,708,088.03	$ 9,102,790.24	$ (26,489.17)	$ (4,525,471.35)	$ (2,718,257.94)	$ 126,540,659.81

VI - B - 1 BILL LIST FROM JANUARY 8, 2025 - FEBRUARY 5, 2025

TO: DONALD J. HARRIS, ED.D., SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

FROM: ZACK SUHRE, CHIEF SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIAL

RE: BILL LIST FROM JANUARY 8, 2025 - FEBRUARY 5, 2025

DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 2025

{available upon request}

VI - C Gifts

It is recommended that the Board accept the following gifts with thanks and appreciation.

GRANITE CITY CUSD9 DONATIONS

1. Tyler Timmins Memorial Foundation; They donated 30 Squishmallow Bean Bag Chairs to the Prather Elementary Education Center valued at $1500. Thank you for your continued support to the students of GCSD9!
2. Kevin Nicol; Mr. Nicol donated sheet music and stage lighting equipment to the Coolidge Junior High School Band Department. Thank you for supporting our Band students!
3. Darlene Camren; Ms. Camren donated $1000.00 to the Coolidge Junior High School Band Department. Thank you for your gracious donation!
4. Family of Cora Joan Mucho; The family of Cora Joan Mucho accepted donations in honor of their mothers years of service as a Paraprofessional at Worthen School. They donated $210.00 to the Maryville Elementary Education Center Special Education Department. Thank you for their families gracious donation to our students.

VIII - A RESCIND RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

It is recommended that the following retirements and resignations listed below and on the GCSD9 website, be rescinded:

Name	Position	Reason	Effective
Naomi Siedhoff	Administrative Assistant/Frohardt	Rescind	07/05/2027
Tracey Moore	Administrative Assistant/Central Office	Rescind	01/01/2026

VIII - B RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

It is recommended that the following retirements and resignations listed below and on the GCSD9 website, be accepted:

Name	Position	Reason	Effective
Veronica Aldana	ESL/Bilingual Paraprofessional/Coolidge	Resignation	01/13/2025
Naomi Siedhoff	Administrative Assistant/Frohardt	Retirement	06/03/2025
Tracey Moore	Administrative Assistant/Central Office	Retirement	06/02/2025
Laura Pavlovec	English Teacher/Coolidge	Retirement	End of 2028/2029
Diana Karnafel	KG Teacher/Prather KG	Retirement	May 2031

VIII - C REQUESTS FOR LEAVES OF ABSENCE

It is recommended that the following requests for leaves of absence listed below and on the GCSD9 website, be approved:

Name	Position	Reason	Effective
Taunya Thweatt	Cafe/Prather	Deduct	01/13/2025 - 01/31/2025
Ricky Watson	Custodian/Grigsby	FMLA	01/21/2025 - 02/10/2025
Carol Cochran	Technology Teacher/Grigsby	FMLA	01/06/2025 - 04/06/2025

VIII - D REQUESTS FOR EXTENSIONS TO LEAVES OF ABSENCE

It is recommended that the following requests for extensions to leaves of absence listed below and on the GCSD9 website, be approved:

Name	Position	Reason	Effective
Keith Calhoun	Custodian/Prather	Medical	02/17/2025 - 05/12/2025
Jill Schillinger	Cafe/Coolidge	Medical	01/22/2025 - 04/16/2025
Megan Cunningham	KG Teacher/Prather KG	Medical	02/02/2025 - 03/01/2025
Tracie Grote	4th Grade Teacher/Mitchell	Medical	02/10/2025 - 03/07/2025

VIII - E EXTRACURRICULAR RESIGNATIONS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

TO: DONALD J. HARRIS, ED.D., SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

FROM: THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

RE: EXTRACURRICULAR RESIGNATIONS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 2025

The GCSD9 Administration is recommending that the following Extracurricular Resignations for the **2024-2025** school year listed below and on the GCSD9 website, be accepted:

Name	**Position**
Addaya Moore	Coolidge Asst Track Coach

Approval is recommended.

VIII - F EXTRACURRICULAR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

TO: DONALD J. HARRIS, ED.D., SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

FROM: THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

RE: EXTRACURRICULAR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 2025

The GCSD9 Administration is recommending that the following Extracurricular Assignments for the **2024-2025** school year listed below and on the GCSD9 website, be approved:

Name	Position	Stipend
Nancy Smallie	Elementary Gifted Coordinator	
Ashley Boyce	Grigsby 3rd Quarter Lunch Duty	
Robert Bragg	Grigsby 3rd Quarter Lunch Duty	
Kacie Bamert	Grigsby 3rd Quarter Lunch Duty	
Megan Brooks	Grigsby 3rd Quarter Lunch Duty	
Lee Elliff	Grigsby 3rd Quarter Lunch Duty	
Erin Ernst	Grigsby 3rd Quarter Lunch Duty	
Kelly Fitzgerald	Grigsby 3rd Quarter Lunch Duty	
Nikki Jordan	Grigsby 3rd Quarter Lunch Duty	
Teresa Meador	Grigsby 3rd Quarter Lunch Duty	
Julie Mueller	Grigsby 3rd Quarter Lunch Duty	
Shelby Myatt	Grigsby 3rd Quarter Lunch Duty	
Janet Niles	Grigsby 3rd Quarter Lunch Duty	
Samantha Rydgig	Grigsby 3rd Quarter Lunch Duty	
Amy Schnefke	Grigsby 3rd Quarter Lunch Duty	
Sarah Stepanek	Grigsby 3rd Quarter Lunch Duty	
Kelly Taylor	Grigsby 3rd Quarter Lunch Duty	
Nathan Gassett	Coolidge Asst Track Coach	
*Lori Knogl	GCHS Asst Girls Track Coach	
*Bennett Smallie	GCHS Asst Baseball Coach	

** pending the submission of the required paperwork.*

Approval is recommended.

VIII - G EXTRACURRICULAR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

TO: DONALD J. HARRIS, ED.D., SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

FROM: THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

RE: EXTRACURRICULAR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 2025

The GCSD9 Administration is recommending that the following Extracurricular Volunteers for the **2024-2025** school year listed below and on the GCSD9 website, be approved:

Name	**Position**
Jake Roustio	GCHS Baseball Coach

Approval is recommended.

VIII - H DISCIPLINE OF EMPLOYEE

You have received detailed information about this item. The administration is prepared to make recommendations or hold for discussion in executive session.

VIII - I CERTIFIED AND CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES

TO: DONALD J. HARRIS, ED.D., SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

FROM: THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

RE: CERTIFIED AND CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES

DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 2025

It is recommended that the following applicants listed below and on the GCSD9 website, be Board approved as substitutes for the 2024-2025 school year.

Certified;

Jacob Kahn

Classified;

Amber Bringer
Kristen Cheng
Jourdyne Lester
Fred Wilson

VIII - J - 1 EMPLOYMENT OF LAKE-ESSC ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

You have received detailed information about this item. The administration is prepared to make recommendations or hold for discussion in executive session.

VIII - J - 2 EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PARAPROFESSIONAL FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

You have received detailed information about this item. The administration is prepared to make recommendations or hold for discussion in executive session.

X - A RATIFICATION OF THE MC2 SOLAR AGREEMENT

TO: DONALD J. HARRIS, ED.D., SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

FROM: ZACK SUHRE, CHIEF SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIAL

RE: RATIFICATION OF THE MC2 SOLAR AGREEMENT

DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 2025

The GCSD9 Administration request that the Board of Education approve to ratify the Mc2 Solar Agreement for the 2025 Calendar year. The signed Agreement is below and the full document was sent to the Board in a previous update.

Approval is recommended.

Illinois Shines Community Solar Disclosure Form

Illinois Shines is a state solar incentive program. Your community solar provider is required to provide you with this Disclosure Form so that you have clear information about the community solar subscription. You can contact the Illinois Shines Program Administrator by emailing complaints@illinoisshines.com or by calling (877) 708-3456. More information about Illinois Shines is available at **www.IllinoisShines.com** and a guide to understanding your disclosure form is available at **https://illinoisshines.com/consumer-protection/disclosure-form-resources**

Your subscription entitles you to a share of the electricity generated from the community solar project. You will receive monetary credits for this electricity on your utility bill.

Contact Information

Customer Information	
Name	Granite City School District
Address	3148 Fehling Road, Granite City, IL 62040
Phone	618-451-5800
Email	zack.suhre@gcsd9.net
Service utility	AmerenIllinois
Utility Account#	9396947214

Community Solar Provider*	
Legal Name	Helios AV IL, LLC
Marketing Name	MC Squared Energy Services, LLC
Phone	312-300-5657
Email	solar@mc2energyservices.com
Website	www.mc2energyservices.com

*may be different than project owner/developer

Project Information

Project name	Ridge Farm Solar 1 LLC	Approved Vendor	Helios AV IL, LLC
Project location	150 North Rd, Ridge Farm, IL 61870	Date of Project Operation	01-23-2025
Estimated total size	2,000.00 kW	Refund of any payments made if project is not operational by Jan 23 2025	Full Refund
Estimated annual production decrease	0.5%		

Subscription Information

Subscription Size *(may vary by the greater of 5kW or 25%)*	300.00 kW AC	Estimated first year production *(production level will decrease over time)*	642,283.20 kWh
		Guranteed minumum level of production	no guarantee
Term of your subscription	15 years	Estimated start date for bill credits	January 2025

Rate and Payment Information

Enrollment fee or amount due at contract signing	$0.00
Subscription structure and rate	Payment equal to 75.00% of community solar credits on your utility bill
Frequency of payments and start date	Monthly, beginning 30 days after solar credits are applied to customer's electric bill
Format of bill	Electronic
Payment details	Autopay not required

Early Termination of Subscription

Your community solar subscription will terminate if you move out of your current electric utility's service territory. Advance notice requirements and/or a penalty or fee may apply.

Additional circumstances under which you may terminate your subscription early	Customer can terminate for any reason
Advanced notice for early termination	None
Penalty or fee for early termination	None

Value of Electricity and Savings Estimates

With your community solar subscription, **you will receive monetary credits on your electric utility bill** for the electricity generated by your share of the solar project.
Below are estimates of the bill credits your subscription will generate in the first year and over the term of your subscription (how much less you will pay in electric bills). The form also provides estimated savings in year one and over the subscription term. These estimates are based on the current rate for community solar bill credits for residential customers in your service utility territory.
If you are a non-residential utility customer, your crediting rate may be different. The below estimates are NOT a guarantee; bill crediting rates are subject to change.
For more information on savings estimates, visit https://illinoisshines.com/cs-disclosure-forms/

Estimated bill credits for first year		Estimated subscription payments for first year		Enrollment fee		Estimated total savings for first year
$53,161.78	-	$39,871.34	-	$0.00	=	$13,290.45
Estimated first year production of electricity from your share of the solar project, multiplied by the bill crediting rate 8.277 cents/kWh		Your subscription fee is 75.00% of your bill credits		Enrollment fee or amount due at contract signing fee		Make sure to also consider any other fees or costs disclosed above

Most community solar subscriptions are sized so that the subscription's generation in kWh roughly matches the customer's electric usage in kWh over the course of the year. If your subscription size is too large, it is possible that you may pay for more bill credits than you can use. Keep in mind that the solar project will generate more electricity in the summer than in the winter.
For more information, visit **https://illinoisshines.com/consumer-protection/disclosure-form-resources**

Additional Information from Community Solar Provider / Approved Vendor

This Disclosure Form coincides with Subscription Contract No 17423374

Signature

By signing this disclosure form, you certify that you received and read this form and had the opportunity to ask questions about it.

Printed Name Zack Suhre

Signature DocuSigned by: Zack Suhre D3FFA4D9F9304B3... **Date** 1/29/2025

X - B AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING PROGRAM

TO: DONALD J. HARRIS, ED.D., SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

FROM: DAVID KEEL, ED.D., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS

RE: AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING PROGRAM

DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 2025

The GCSD9 Administration request permission to offer an after-school tutoring program for a select number of students in kindergarten, first and second grades. The program will allow 25 students from each school to receive additional help with reading. Each building will have a coordinator and 5 to 6 teachers working with students in small groups. The program will begin on March 3rd and end April 3rd. Transportation is provided. Some of this cost is paid for via grant funds.

Approval is recommended.

X - C SWIC/Prather Pre-K/Kindergarten Center Agreement

TO: Donald J. Harris, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

FROM: Micki Watkins, Executive Director of Special Education

RE: SWIC/Prather Pre-K/Kindergarten Center Agreement

DATE: February 11, 2025

The GCSD9 Administration request permission to approve the following agreement (attached) with Southwestern Illinois College {SWIC}. This agreement allows SWIC the opportunity to work with Prather and Grigsby Pre-K programs as a practicum facility for their students. SWIC students will be allowed to visit these programs and observe teacher and student interactions, gaining knowledge about the Pre-K program. These are students showing an interest in this field of study.

Approval is recommended.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN
SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE
and
PRATHER PRE-K/KINDERGARTEN CENTER

This agreement is entered into this 14th day of January 2025, by and between the authorities of Community College District Number 522, St Clair, Washington, Monroe, Madison, Bond, Randolph, and Perry Counties, Illinois, hereinafter called "Community College," and Prather Pre- K/Kindergarten Center hereinafter called "Practicum Facility."

WHEREAS, Community College wishes to offer Early Childhood Education Practicum training at 2450 W. 25th Street, Granite City, IL 62040.

WHEREAS, Practicum Facility wishes to make its instructional personnel and classroom facilities available for students for Community College under the conditions and provisions as set forth hereinafter.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements between the parties hereto, it is agreed by and between:

1. This agreement shall become effective January 13, 2025 and extend through January 12, 2026 and shall be subject to annual review and renewal. This agreement may be terminated by either party upon 90 days written notice of termination to the other party. Notice of intent to terminate shall be mailed to the Practicum Facility in the case of Community College, and to Community College in the case of Practicum Facility.

2. Practicum Facility agrees to accept the instructional responsibilities as assigned it by the Board of Trustees of Community College.

3. Community College shall:
    a. Require each student participating in the program to sign a statement indicating his or her understanding of responsibility as specified under this agreement.
    b. Require the student to show proof of insurance coverage of himself, occupants of his vehicle, and others in his transportation to and from Practicum Facility in the amount required by law.
    c. Require the student to maintain work standards set by the Early Childhood Education supervisor.
    d. Require the student to attend work experiences, classes, seminars, and individual conferences with the instructor.
    e. Require the student to abide by the existing rules and regulations of Practicum Facility.

4. Community College shall be responsible for:

    a. The admission and discharge of all students involved in the program.

    b. The awarding of college credit and degrees.

    c. The planning and coordinating of student practicum experiences, hours, and assignments with the assistance of a person designated by Practicum Facility.

    d. Adequate preparation of students in theoretical background, basic skills. proper professional ethics, attitude and behavior.

5. Community College's coordinator of the program shall have full responsibility for coordinating placement of students in Early Childhood Education Practicum facilities.

6. Community College agrees to indemnify Practicum Facility from all loss, expense or damage arising out of claims or suits relating to the sole negligent acts or omissions of Community College, its officers, agents, employees, students or faculty members, while said Community College officers, agents, employees, students or faculty members are engaged in the performance of their duties on the premises of Practicum Facility.

    Nothing contained herein shall require Community College to indemnify Practicum Facility, its officers, agents or employees, nor shall any provision contained herein abrogate the right of Community College to seek protection of any state or federal law providing for the apportionment of damage or loss between joint or concurrent tort feasors, and Community College shall be entitled to recover its reasonable attorney's fees incurred in the defense of any action against it arising out of the negligent acts or omissions of Practicum Facility officers, agents, or employees.

    Practicum Facility agrees to indemnify Community College from all loss, expense or damage arising out of claims or suits relating to the sole negligent acts or omissions of Practicum Facility, its officers, agents, employees, students or faculty members, while Practicum Facility officers, agents, employees, students or faculty members are engaged in the performance of their duties.

    Nothing contained herein shall require Practicum Facility to indemnify Community College for alleged negligent acts or omissions of Community College, its officers, agents or employees, nor shall any provision contained herein abrogate the right of Community College to seek the protection of any state or federal law providing for the apportionment of damage or loss between joint or concurrent tort feasors, and Practicum Facility shall be entitled to recover its reasonable attorney's fees incurred in the defense of any action against it arising out of the negligent acts or omissions of Community College officers, agents or employees.

7. Community College agrees to secure and maintain general public liability and malpractice insurance coverage for Community College, its officers, employees, instructors and supervisors with minimum limits of liability of one million dollars ($1,000,000) per incident and shall supply upon request to Practicum Facility appropriate certificates of insurance evidencing such continuous current coverage.

8. Practicum Facility shall:

   a. Provide selected instructors for student supervision.

   b. Orient program staff to practicum facility policies and procedures.

   c. Furnish adequate laboratory and classroom space to meet the requirements for formal lecture, examination, and lab requirements.

   d. Assist Community College faculty in the evaluation of the student.

   e. Make available library resources.

   f. Provide emergency medical care to students or faculty members while at Practicum Facility.

9. Practicum Facility agrees to secure and maintain general public liability and malpractice insurance for its officers, employees, instructors, and supervisors with minimum limits of liability of one-hundred thousand ($100,000) per incident, and shall supply upon request to Community College appropriate certificates of insurance evidencing such continuous coverage.

10. Practicum Facility may withdraw access privileges from Community College students who are disruptive of its operations or not acting in the best interests of the program.

11. This Agreement shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois.

12. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this agreement to be duly executed by their proper officers.

PRATHER PRE-K/KINDERGARTEN CENTER

BY: _____

DATED: _____

WITNESS: _____

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 522

BY: _____

DATED: _____

WITNESS: _____

XI - 1 - A CEO Student Discipline {Expulsion}

You have received detailed information about this item. The administration is prepared to make recommendations or hold for discussion in executive session.

XI - 1 - A Donna Whyte; ESGI Report

- Donna Whyte will give a Brief report and Presentation

XI - 1 - B Freedom of Information Act {FOIA} Requests

To: Donald J. Harris, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

From: Chris Mitchell, Manager of District Communications

Re: Freedom of Information Act {FOIA} Requests

Date: February 11, 2025

Freedom of Information Act Requests are listed below and on the GCSD9 website.

We received two {2} requests under the Freedom of Information Act during the period of January 8, 2025 through February 4, 2025.

The first request was received on January 19, 2025 from Sheri Reid of SmartProcure. She requested the following information:

- All purchasing records from September 24, 2024 to current. The specific information requested from your record keeping system is:
  1. Purchase order number. If purchase orders are not used a comparable substitute is acceptable, i.e., invoice, encumbrance, or check number
  2. Purchase date
  3. Line item details (Detailed description of the purchase)
  4. Line item quantity
  5. Line item price
  6. Vendor ID number, name, address, contact person and their email address

The second request was received on January 28, 2025 from Owen Wang of Lake County Gazette. He requested the following information:

- Copy of all emails and memos from the past 12 months that contain the following keywords:
  1. "Lucy Calkins"
  2. "Units of Study"

The requests were handled by Administration.

XI - 1 - C Illinois Association of School Boards {IASB} Liaison Report {Linda Knogl, Treasurer, Board of Education}

- Ms. Knogl will give a brief IASB report.