Granite City Community Unit School District #9

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 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 Alan Buester with Hope 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, September 17, 2025:

Donald J. Harris, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools; superintendent.office@gcsd9.net
Eric Stacy, President, Board of Education; eric.stacy@gcsd9.net
Cory Ervay, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent; cory.ervay@gcsd9.net

V. MINUTES;

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on **August 26, 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**;

August 2025 Treasurer's Report
{available upon request}

B. **Bill List**;

Bill List from August 21, 2025 - September 16, 2025
{available upon request}

C. **Misc**;

Chestnut Health Systems Contract Renewal FY26

D. **Donations**;

United States Steel; GCSD9

Granite City Moose Lodge; GCSD9

Kay Rollins; GCSD9 Nurses

1st MidAmerica Credit Union; GCSD9

Amazon Warehouse, Pontoon Beach; GCSD9

BJC Hospital SHINE Committee; Prather Elementary School

Unity Baptist Church; Wilson Elementary School

JJ's Bar-B-Q & More; CJHS Art Exhibition

VII. Consideration of Items Removed From the Consent Agenda

VIII. Recommendations and Communications - Human Resources

A. Retirements and Resignations;

B. Leaves of Absence;

C. Recommendations Student Workers {Co-Ops}
for the 2025-2026 School Year;

D. Rescind Extracurricular Recommendations for the 2025-2026 School Year;

E. Extracurricular Resignations for the 2025-2026 School Year;

F. Extracurricular Recommendations for the 2025-2026 School Year;

G. Extracurricular Volunteers for the 2025-2026 School Year;

H. Certified and Classified Substitutes for the 2025-2026 School Year;

I. Employments; **2025-2026**

1. Employment of One {1} 4-Hour Cafeteria Worker
for the 2025-2026 School Year;

IX. Old Business; N/A

X. New Business;

A. GCSD9 FY27 School Calendar;

B. Finalsite Contract Extension FY27-FY29;

C. Proposed 2025-2026 GCSD9 Budget;

D. American Sign Language {ASL} Club Proposal;

E. Memorandum of Understanding {MOU} with the Granite City Federation Educational Professionals {GCFEP};

XI. Reports and Other Communications;

1. Administrative Reports and Updates

A. Freedom of Information Act Requests; {FOIA};
{for review only, no vote}

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; N/A

VIII. Setting of the Agenda;

A. October 28, 2025 Regular Board of Education Meeting

IX. Adjournment

VI - A - 1 GCSD9/Region I Treasurer's Report for August 2025

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

FROM: Zack Suhre, Chief School Business Official

RE: GCSD9/Region I Treasurer's Report for August 2025

DATE: September 23, 2025

GCSD9 and Region I Treasurer's Reports
August 31, 2025

APPROVED: _____
Lori Silva, Treasurer

	Fund	Beginning Cash	Revenue	Journal	Payroll	Disburse	Ending Cash
10	EDUCATION	$ 69,263,337.15	$ 6,472,686.36	$ (107,898.79)	$ (3,863,838.18)	$ (1,537,170.69)	$ 70,227,115.85
11	STUDENT ACTIVITIES	$ 770,688.23	$ 35,296.95	$ (28.10)	$ -	$ (27,748.03)	$ 778,209.05
14	LEASE	$ 726,279.16	$ 65,932.59	$ -	$ -	$ (532.51)	$ 791,679.24
20	OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE	$ 5,200,295.48	$ 721,229.34	$ (8,424.61)	$ (406,186.67)	$ (643,575.57)	$ 4,863,337.97
30	DEBT SERVICE	$ 195,980.93	$ 302,805.85	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 498,786.78
40	TRANSPORTATION	$ 1,848,145.62	$ 261,636.25	$ -	$ -	$ (318,408.28)	$ 1,791,373.59
50	MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	$ 2,617,435.04	$ 241,600.44	$ -	$ (89,888.27)	$ -	$ 2,769,147.21
51	FICA/SOCIAL SECURITY	$ 26,357.92	$ 378,780.92	$ -	$ (129,636.95)	$ -	$ 275,501.89
60	CAPITAL PROJECTS	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
70	WORKING CASH	$ 32,138,393.30	$ 83,394.87	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 32,221,788.17
80	TORT	$ 2,627,163.48	$ 183,929.84	$ -	$ -	$ (1,497.00)	$ 2,809,596.32
90	FIRE/LIFE SAFETY	$ 1,600,049.11	$ 66,418.32	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 1,666,467.43
	TOTAL	$ 117,014,125.42	$ 8,813,711.73	$ (116,351.50)	$ (4,489,550.07)	$ (2,528,932.08)	$ 118,693,003.50

	Fund	Beginning Cash	Revenue	Journal	Payroll	Disburse	Ending Cash
12	REGION I	$ 2,112,324.01	$ 80,637.53	$ -	$ (114,301.39)	$ (7,245.36)	$ 2,071,414.79
	TOTAL	$ 119,126,449.43	$ 8,894,349.26	$ (116,351.50)	$ (4,603,851.46)	$ (2,536,177.44)	$ 120,764,418.29

VI - B - 1 Bill List from August 21, 2025 - September 16, 2025

TO: Donald J. Harris, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
FROM: Zack Suhre, Chief School Business Official
RE: Bill List from August 21, 2025 - September 16, 2025
DATE: September 23, 2025

{available upon request}

VI - C - 1 Chestnut Health Systems Contract Renewal FY26

TO: Donald J. Harris, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
FROM: David Keel, Ed.D., Executive Director of Educational Operations
RE: Chestnut Health Systems Contract Renewal FY26
DATE: September 23, 2025

Counselors from Chestnut Health Services have provided services to students in the Granite City School District for several years. We have paid $10,000 a year, per therapist, for the last few years. This year, we have added an additional therapist to help with the growing need. The contract for the 2025-2026 school year will be for a total of **$30,000 for three therapists**. Tom Schooley has reviewed the contract.

Approval is recommended.

VI - D Gifts

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

Granite City CUSD9 Donations

United States Steel; United States Steel Corporation one again, generously donated $5000 for student hygiene needs for the 2025-2026 school year. We cannot thank them enough for their continued commitment to our students and community!!

Granite City Moose Lodge; They recently donated approx. $700 worth of supplies to our students. These included some school supplies, hygiene materials and some clothing items. These items were split between the social workers, nurses, and some of our clubs for distribution throughout the year. We are grateful for this donation and continued support!

Kay Rollins; Kay Rollins donated three sizes of gel packs to GCSD9 that are to be frozen and the covers can be washed. These have been sent to all GCSD9 nurses. Thank you for this much needed donation!

1st MidAmerica Credit Union; They donated approx. $500 worth of school supplies and student hygiene items to help kick off the 2025-2026 school year! We are grateful for their continued support of our students and schools.

Amazon Warehouse, Pontoon Beach; Randy Skiff and the employees of their location donated school supplies from a collection the did for the start of school. Thank you Randy and Staff!

Barnes Jewish Hospital {BJC} SHINE Committee; The BJC SHINE Committee donated school supplies they collected for the 2025-2026 school year for Prather Elementary School. We are grateful for local resident Mollie Beck and the rest of the committee for their continued support.

Unity Baptist Church; They donated school supplies and student hygiene items to Wilson Elementary School students. We are grateful for their continued support as one of our community partners.

JJ's Bar-B-Q & More; JJ's BBQ donated three (3) shirts with their logo and three (3) $15.00 gift certificates for the Coolidge Junior High School 8th grade art exhibition that is currently being held at their restaurant for the month of September 2025. Three (3) 8th grade students exhibits will be chosen to receive a shirt and gift certificate. Thank you JJ's for showing off our CJHS amazing artists and for your continued support to GCSD9 students and community.

- CJHS Staff Choice
- JJ's Choice
- People's Choice

VIII - A 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
Arthur Brown	Paraprofessional/Coolidge	Resignation	09/19/2025

VIII - B 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
Karen Kaminski	Paraprofessional/GCHS	FMLA	09/02/2025 - 10/03/2025
Pamela Burries	Paraprofessional/Lake	FMLA	09/15/2025 - 12/05/2025
Laura Carr	Paraprofessional/Frohardt	FMLA	09/26/2025 - 11/21/2025
Sandra Wylie	Cafe/GCHS	FMLA	08/14/2025 - 11/05/2025
Melia Rosenburg	Paraprofessional/Grigsby	FMLA	08/21/2025 - 10/01/2025

VIII - C RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GRANITE CITY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WORKERS {CO-OPS} FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

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

FROM: THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

RE: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GRANITE CITY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WORKERS {CO-OPS} FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

DATE: SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

The GCSD9 Administration is recommending that the following Student Workers (Co-Ops) for the 2025-2026 school year listed below and on the GCSD9 website, be approved:

Name
Erika Fletcher
Lily Kupinski
Kursten Reynolds

Approval is recommended.

VIII - D RECOMMENDATION TO RESCIND EXTRACURRICULAR ASSIGNMENT FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

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

FROM: THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

RE: RECOMMENDATION TO RESCIND EXTRACURRICULAR ASSIGNMENT FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

DATE: SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

The GCSD9 Administration is recommending that the following Extracurricular Assignment for the 2025-2026 school year listed below and on the GCSD9 website, be rescinded:

Name	Position
Angela Ellis	Wilson IRP

Approval is recommended.

VIII - E EXTRACURRICULAR RESIGNATIONS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

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

FROM: THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

RE: EXTRACURRICULAR RESIGNATIONS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

DATE: SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

The GCSD9 Administration is recommending that the following Extracurricular Resignations for the 2025-2026 school year listed below and on the GCSD9 website, be accepted:

Name	Position
Jake Roustio	GCHS Asst Basketball Coach
Alan Schmidt	Coolidge Asst Football Coach/End of the 2025-2026 season

Approval is recommended.

VIII - F EXTRACURRICULAR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2025-2026 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 - G EXTRACURRICULAR VOLUNTEER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

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

FROM: THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

RE: EXTRACURRICULAR VOLUNTEER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

DATE: SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

The GCSD9 Administration is recommending that the following Extracurricular Volunteers for the 2025-2026 school year listed below and on the GCSD9 website, be approved:

Name	Position
Tim Rozycki	GCHS Track
Mark Jones	GCHS Girls Soccer
Alivia Upshaw	GCHS Girls Soccer
Jake Roustio	GCHS Baseball
Chris Fiala	GCHS Baseball
Don Haddix	GCHS Baseball
Lexi Grote	GCHS Boys Soccer
Jabari James	GCHS Football
Jake Roustio	Coolidge Boys Basketball

Approval is recommended.

VIII - H CERTIFIED AND CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES; 2025-2026

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

FROM: THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

RE: CERTIFIED AND CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES; 2025-2026

DATE: SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

It is recommended that the following applicants listed below and on the GCSD9 website, be Board approved as substitutes for the 2025-2026 school year.

Certified

Tara Bell	Heather Fuller	Kristi Henderson
Emily Kuehnel	Catherine Manning	Jordan Mueller
Darla Popmarkoff	Morgan Ruden	

Classified

Charlotte Diggs	Tyler Endicott	Agnes Hamilton
Aliyah Hill	Connie Paterson	Kari Schipkowski
Joie Walk		

Approval is recommended.

VIII - I - 1 EMPLOYMENT OF ONE {1} 4-HOUR CAFÉ WORKER FOR THE 2025-2026 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 GCSD9 SCHOOL CALENDAR FY27

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

FROM: BRAD ERVAY, DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES

RE: GCSD9 SCHOOL CALENDAR FY27

DATE: SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

The GCSD9 Administration have provided two possible calendar options listed below:

Local 743 Teachers and Certified, Local 98 Custodial and Classified, and Local 4956 Secretaries, have voted and recommended calendar A.

Professional Learning Days (PLDs) will continue to provide our staff with training and ongoing education for a district-wide focus; additionally, it helps our staff to earn CPDUs necessary for recertification. We have adjusted these days through a waiver with the Illinois Board of Education to specify a Full Day of PD instead of the traditional half day. We feel that it would allow more time dedicated to professional development.

It is our recommendation to adopt Calendar A for the **2026-2027** school year.

Approval is recommended.

Calendar A		
Month (Student Days/Cumulative)		
August (13/13)	***10-12***	Teacher Institute
	13	First day of Student Attendance S1
September (21/34)	***7***	No School - LABOR DAY
October (20/54)	***9***	County Institute / Teacher Institute
	12	No School - COLUMBUS DAY
November (16/70)	***3***	Voting Holiday
	11	No School - VETERANS DAY
	23	PT Conference PM
	24	PT Conference AM
	25-27	No School - THANKSGIVING BREAK
December (14/84)	***21-31***	No School - WINTER BREAK
January (19/103)	***1-2***	No School - WINTER BREAK
	4	Teacher Institute
	5	First day of Student Attendance S2
	18	No School - MLK DAY
February (19/122)	***12***	Teacher Institute
	15	No School - LINCOLN BDAY
March (17/139)	***22-29***	No School - SPRING BREAK
April (22/161)	***28***	PD/PT Conference
May (15/176)	***21***	Half Day / Last Day of Student Attendance - No Emergency Days
	28	Last Day of Student Attendance - All Emergency Days
TOTAL NUMBER OF CPE WORK DAYS: 180		

Semester 1		**Semester 2**
82 Student Attendance Days		89 Student Attendance Days
2 PT Conference Days (Counted as Attendance)		1 PT Conference Day (Counted as Attendance)
84 Total Student Attendance		2 PLD (Considered Student Attendance Yes)
3 Teacher Institute		92 Total Student Attendance
1 Madison County Institute		

Calendar **B**		
Month (Student Days/Cumulative)		
August (9/9)	***17-18***	Teacher Institute
	19	First day of Student Attendance S1
September (21/30)	***7***	No School - LABOR DAY
October (20/50)	***9***	County Institute / Teacher Institute
	12	No School - COLUMBUS DAY
November (16/66)	***3***	Voting Holiday
	11	No School - VETERANS DAY
	23	PT Conference PM
	24	PT Conference AM
	25-27	No School - THANKSGIVING BREAK
December (17/83)	***23-31***	No School - WINTER BREAK
January (19/102)	***1-2***	No School - WINTER BREAK
	4	Teacher Institute
	5	First day of Student Attendance S2
	18	No School - MLK DAY
February (19/121)	***12***	Teacher Institute
	15	No School - LINCOLN BDAY
March (17/138)	***22-29***	No School - SPRING BREAK
April (22/160)	***28***	PD/PT Conference
May (16/176)	***25***	Half Day / Last Day of Student Attendance - No Emergency Days
	31	No School - MEMORIAL DAY
June (?/176)	***2***	Last Day of Student Attendance - All Emergency Days
TOTAL NUMBER OF CPE WORK DAYS: 180		
Semester 1		**Semester 2**
80 Student Attendance Days		91 Student Attendance Days
2 PT Conference Days (Counted as Attendance)		1 PT Conference Day (Counted as Attendance)
82 Total Student Attendance		2 PLD (Considered Student Attendance Yes)
2 Teacher Institute		94 Total Student Attendance
1 Madison County Institute		

X - B FINALSITE CONTRACT EXTENSION FY27-FY29

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

FROM: CHRIS MITCHELL, MANAGER OF DISTRICT COMMUNICATIONS/TRANSPORTATION

RE: FINALSITE CONTRACT EXTENSION FY27-FY29

DATE: SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

GCSD9 Administration requests permission to approve a three-year extension with Finalsite for the hosting of the www.gcsd9.net website and app.

Includes: GCSD9 Website, GCSD9 ioS/Android App, Weglot Pro (5 languages, 200, words)

Total Setup Cost - $0

Period 1 - July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027 - $9,321

Period 2 - July 1, 2027-June 30, 2028 - $9,820

Period 3 - July 1, 2028-June 30, 2029 - $10,349

Approval is recommended.

X - C PROPOSED 2025-2026 GCSD9 BUDGET

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

FROM: ZACK SUHRE, CSBO, CHIEF SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIAL

RE: PROPOSED 2025-2026 GCSD9 BUDGET

DATE: SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

Having notified the public through a legal advertisement in the August 13th edition of the Belleville News Democrat, and having made the preliminary budget available to the public for at least 30 days, the Board of Education is now ready to proceed.

Actions requested of the Board are:

- **Presentation of 2025-2026 District #9 Budget;**
- **Hold a Public Hearing on the Proposed District #9 2025-2026 Budget;**
- **Adopt the following Resolution; and**
- **Adopt the 2025-2026 Budget and secure all necessary signatures.**

Approval is recommended.

District Type:
[X] School District
[ ] Joint Agreement

Accounting Basis:
[X] Cash
[ ] Accrual

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
School Business Services Division

SCHOOL DISTRICT/JOINT AGREEMENT BUDGET FORM *
July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

Unbalanced budget; however, a Deficit Reduction Plan is not required at this time.

Is this an amended budget? _____

Date of Amended Budget: _____ *(MM/DD/YY)*

District Name: Granite City CUSD 9

District RCDT No: 41057009026

If your FY2025 AFR states that you need to do a deficit reduction plan and your FY2026 budget is balanced, please state the measures you took to have your budget become balanced. (Bckgrnd-Assumpt 25-26)

Budget of Granite City CUSD 9 *, County of* Madison ,
State of Illinois, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025 *and ending* June 30, 2026 .

WHEREAS the Board of Education of Granite City CUSD 9 ,
County of Madison , *State of Illinois, caused to be prepared in tentative form a budget, and the Secretary of this Board has made the same conveniently available to public inspection for at least thirty days prior to final action thereon;*

AND WHEREAS a public hearing was held as to such budget on the 23 *day of* September , *20* 25 ,
notice of said hearing was given at least thirty days prior thereto as required by law, and all other legal requirements have been complied with;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the Board of Education of said district as follows:

Section 1: That the fiscal year of this school district be and the same hereby is fixed and declared to be beginning July 1, 2025 *and ending* June 30, 2026 .

Section 2: That the following budget containing an estimate of amounts available in each Fund, separately, and expenditures from each be and the same is hereby adopted as the budget of this school district for said fiscal year.

ADOPTION OF BUDGET

The budget shall be approved and signed below by members of the School Board. Adopted this 23 *day of* September , *20* 25
by a roll call vote of _____ *Yeas, and* _____ *Nays, to wit:*

** MEMBERS VOTING YEA:	** MEMBERS VOTING NAY:

* Based on the 23 Illinois Administrative Code-Part 100 and inconformity with Section 17-1 of the School Code.

** Type in the members who voted "YEA" nor "NAY". Actual school board member signatures are not required for electronic submission.

(1) A certified copy of this document must be filed with the county clerk within 30 days of adoption as required by Section 18-50 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/18-50).

(2) Districts are required to submit the adopted/amended budget electronically to ISBE within 30 days of adoption or by October 30, whichever comes first. Budgets are submitted through IWAS: https://apps.isbe.net/iwas/asp/login.asp?js=true

Please type the member signatures before submitting to ISBE. We do not accept PDF copies.

SD50-36/JA50-39 5/24

X - D GCHS American Sign Language {ASL} Club Proposal

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

FROM: David Keel, Ed.D., Executive Director of Educational Operations

RE: GCHS American Sign Language {ASL} Club Proposal

DATE: September 23, 2025

There is student interest at the Granite City High School to start a sign language club. The purpose of the American Sign Language Club (ASL) is to create a welcoming and inclusive space for students to learn about and practice ASL, and to foster a deeper understanding of Deaf culture and the Deaf community. This club will serve as a valuable resource for students at all skill levels, from complete beginners to those with prior experience. Please see the Club Proposal form (attached) for additional information.

Approval is recommended.

X - E Memorandum of Understanding {MOU} with the Granite City Federation Educational Professionals {GCFEP}

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

FROM: Adam Garrett, Ed.D., Executive Director of Human Resources

RE: Memorandum of Understanding {MOU} with the Granite City Federation Educational Professionals {GCFEP}

DATE: September 23, 2025

The GCSD9 Administration and the Granite City Federation of Educational Professionals {GCFEP} have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding for two (2) extra lunch duty positions at Grigsby Elementary School and Prather Elementary School for the 2025-2026 school year. The rationale for the additional positions at these particular buildings is due to the number of students at each given lunch/recess time to provide additional supervision at these buildings.

Approval is recommended.

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

FROM: CHRIS MITCHELL, MANAGER OF DISTRICT COMMUNICATIONS

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT {FOIA} REQUESTS

DATE: SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

The Freedom of Information Act Requests listed below and on the GCSD9 website were handled by Administration:

We received nine {9} requests under the Freedom of Information Act during the period of August 18, 2025 through September 16, 2025.

The first request was received on August 19, 2025 from Jacob Long of Public Data Research. He requested the following information:

- All current employees' names
- All current employees' job titles
- The employment start dates of all current employees

The second request was received on August 21, 2025 from Justin Wenig of RunStarJump. He requested the following information:

- Contracts, and/or Master Service Agreements with associated purchase orders, that are in effect or have been in effect in the last 3 years with vendor(s) providing alternative transportation.
- Alternative transportation for the purposes of this request is defined as small vehicle (SUV, sedan, van) student transportation to and from school (not activity/athletic transportation) not including buses or district fleet vehicles.

The third request was received on September 2, 2025 from Owen Wang of the Lake County Gazette. He requested the following information:

- Names and honors of all students in your high schools recognized by the College Board as AP Scholars.

The fourth request was received on September 2, 2025 from CT Mills of Public Info Access LLC. He requested the following information:

- Copies of records related to district purchases and contracts, as outlined below. Please include vendor name, product or service description, purchase/contract amount, and contract start and end dates.
  - **Core Curriculum Purchases**
    - Records of core curriculum purchases for Math, English Language Arts (ELA), and Science.

- **Instructional Technology**
    - Records of purchases or contracts for instructional technology platforms, specifically including (but not limited to): Nearpod, Edpuzzle, Pear Deck, Newsela, MagicSchool, Quizlet, and IXL.
- **Common Assessment Software**
    - Records of purchases or contracts for assessment software, specifically including (but not limited to): Performance Matters, Formative, Pear Assessment, MasteryConnect, Renaissance DnA, Eduphoria, DMAC, and LinkIt.

The fifth request was received on September 8, 2025 from Justin Wenig of *GoStarJump.com*. He requested the following information:

- Materials possessed by Granite City Cusd 9 for all of the following student transportation vendors with which you have a relationship: HopSkipDrive, FirstAlt, Adroit, Pawar
- Looking for all contracts, purchase orders, and master service agreements that are still in effect or have been in effect in the past 3 years.

The sixth request was received on September 8, 2025 from Owen Wang of the Lake County Gazette. He requested the following information:

- Copies of the contracts for all school principals in the district who will start the upcoming school year.
- Copies of all active teacher contracts/collective bargaining agreements.

The seventh request was received on September 8, 2025 from Ariane Sendejas. He requested the following information:

- IEP students and class sizes for Prather and Grigsby.

The eighth request was received on September 8, 2025 from Owen Wang of the Lake County Gazette. He requested the following information:

- Names of all graduates from your middle schools for the completed school year with the following fields: Name, Destination High School.

The ninth request was received on September 12, 2025 from Janie Jordan of Data Research Partners LCC. She requested the following information:

- Listing of all Granite City Community Unit School District 9's employees' first and last names, e-mail address, title/position, and primary campus/department location.

The requests were handled by Administration.