



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 Stacey Wilson with GC First Assembly of God 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 19, 2026:

Donald J. Harris, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools; superintendent.office@gcsd9.net

Eric Stacy, President, Board of Education; eric.stacy@gcsd9.net

Carrie Wallace, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent; carrie.wallace@gcsd9.net

I. STUDENT RECOGNITION;

A. GCSD9 BOE and Administration would like to recognize Charles Flowers for his outstanding achievement in placing 2nd in the St. Louis Regional Geography Bee, as well as qualifying for Nationals in both World and U.S. Geography and earning a spot in the International World Geography competition.

B. GCSD9 BOE and Administration would like to recognize GCHS Varsity Cheerleading Team Who Qualified for the IHSA State Cheerleading Competition in Bloomington IL.

C. GCSD9 BOE and Administration would like to recognize Coolidge Junior High Cheerleading Team Who Placed 15th in the IESA State Cheerleading Competition in Peoria IL.

2. TEACHER RECOGNITION;

1ST MIDAMERICA CREDIT UNION TEACHER GRANTS

1st MidAmerica Credit Union President/CEO Alan Meyer, Chief Experience Officer Amber Scott and Business Development Representative Martha Morse presents each honoree with a \$250.00 grant.

Below is a list of three honorees and how the \$250.00 grant will be used:

Jessica Farris – Prather Elementary School: Novel for all class reading assignments to follow plot, characters, setting, etc., from start to finish in a chapter book

Diann Moad – Frohardt Elementary School: Printer for title reading teachers for student data and parent involvement activities throughout the year.

Jessica Thompson – Prather Elementary School: 30 TI-30 Calculators for class to help students in the area of math and science.

3. TEACHER ADDRESSING THE BOARD;

Terri Kunz addresses the Board of Education regarding the Coolidge Junior High – EF Educational Tours planned for 2028

4. PRESENTATION;

CTE PROGRAMS OF STUDY, AND FUTURE OF GCHS CTE

PRESENTED BY; CHRIS HUTCHINGS, GCHS ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL/REGISTRAR

V. MINUTES;

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on January 27, 2026. {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

January 2026 Treasurer's Report
(available upon request)

B. Bill List

January 22, 2026 – February 17, 2026

C. Curriculum Committee Report – February 11, 2026

(available upon request)

D. Donations

Granite City Cinema – GCSD9

Duke Bakery – GCSD9

United Way/Berkshire Hathaway in Edwardsville – GCSD9

Central Christian Church – GCHS, Prather, Mitchell, Frohardt,
Wilson and Grigsby

VII. **CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

VIII. **RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS - HUMAN RESOURCES**

A. Retirements and Resignations;

B. Leaves of Absence;

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

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

E. Extracurricular Recommendations for the 2026-2027 School Year;

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

G. Employments:

1. Employment of one Special Education Paraprofessional for the 2025-2026 School Year.

2. Employment of three (3) 4-Hour Café Workers for the 2025-2026 School Year.

3. Employment of two (2) GCHS Social Studies Teachers for the 2026-2027 School Year.

4. Employment of four (4) Elementary Teachers for the 2026-2027 School Year.

H. Miscellaneous

1. Employee Termination

2. Approval of an unpaid suspension and issuance of a notice of remedial warning for a certified staff member

IX. OLD BUSINESS;

X. NEW BUSINESS;

- A. ORDINANCE GRANTING PERMANENT DRAINAGE EASEMENT AND TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION TO THE CITY OF GRANITE CITY
- B. Property Tax Appeal Docket No 25-02087.001 1-3 - RESOLUTION
- C. Property Tax Appeal Docket No 25-02089.001 1-3 - RESOLUTION
- D. Coolidge Junior High - EF Educational Tours 2028
- E. Alt Ed and K-12 Summer School Proposal
- F. Wilson Asphalt PlayGround
- G. Maryville Asphalt PlayGround
- H. Maryville School HVAC Upgrade
- I. Frohardt Parking Lot Extension
- J. Student Discipline
- K. GCHS Club Proposal for Bridge Builders

XI. REPORTS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS;

1. Administrative Reports and Updates

- A. Freedom of Information Act Requests; {FOIA}; (24-25)
{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 representative; 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)

Executive Session Agenda

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES; N/A

XIV. SETTING OF THE AGENDA;

A. FEBRUARY 23, 2026 REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

XV. ADJOURNMENT

VI - A - GCSD9/REGION I TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JANUARY, 2026

TO: DONALD J. HARRIS, ED.D., SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
 FROM: ZACK SUHRE, CHIEF SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIAL
 RE: **GCSD9/REGION I TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JANUARY 31, 2025**
 DATE: FEBRUARY 24, 2026



GRANITE CITY CUSD #9
 TREASURER'S REPORT
 CASH ON HAND AS OF JANUARY 31, 2026

APPROVED: _____
 Lori Silva, Treasurer

FUND	BEGINNING CASH Balance	Revenue	Journal Entries	Payroll	Disbursements	ENDING CASH Balance
10 EDUCATION	\$ 78,947,849.40	\$ 6,244,007.03	\$ (13,013.05)	\$ (5,917,792.78)	\$ (1,902,825.69)	\$ 77,358,224.91
11 STUDENT ACTIVITIES	\$ 852,407.43	\$ 66,071.96	\$ 417.46	\$ -	\$ (28,420.22)	\$ 890,479.63
14 LEASE	\$ 1,011,954.42	\$ 29,408.77	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (12,135.46)	\$ 1,029,227.73
20 OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE	\$ 4,355,714.50	\$ 3,182,093.68	\$ (12,932.80)	\$ (570,526.24)	\$ (794,318.60)	\$ 6,160,030.54
30 DEBT SERVICE	\$ 229,397.24	\$ 133,539.27	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 362,936.51
40 TRANSPORTATION	\$ 3,490,264.10	\$ 1,000,433.30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (656,504.81)	\$ 3,834,192.59
50 MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	\$ 3,076,012.01	\$ 52,512.05	\$ -	\$ (128,170.17)	\$ -	\$ 3,000,353.89
51 FICA/SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 504,829.59	\$ 79,102.28	\$ -	\$ (189,787.18)	\$ -	\$ 394,144.69
60 CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
70 WORKING CASH	\$ 32,558,321.71	\$ 45,834.62	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32,604,156.33
80 TORT	\$ 3,524,570.95	\$ 82,242.07	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (6,770.00)	\$ 3,600,043.02
90 FIRE/LIFE SAFETY	\$ 1,943,373.49	\$ 29,887.66	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,973,261.15
TOTAL	\$ 130,494,694.84	\$ 10,945,135.69	\$ (25,528.39)	\$ (6,806,276.37)	\$ (3,400,974.78)	\$ 131,207,050.99

REGION I
 TREASURER'S REPORT
 CASH ON HAND AS OF JANUARY 31, 2026

APPROVED: _____
 Linda Knogl, Treasurer

FUND	BEGINNING CASH Balance	Revenue	Journal Entries	Payroll	Disbursements	ENDING CASH Balance
12 REGION I	\$ 1,528,780.08	\$ 424,719.16	\$ -	\$ (174,023.86)	\$ (22,883.04)	\$ 1,756,592.34
	\$ 132,023,474.92	\$ 11,369,854.85	\$ (25,528.39)	\$ (6,980,300.23)	\$ (3,423,857.82)	\$ 132,963,643.33

VI - B - BILL LIST FROM JANUARY 22, 2026 – FEBRUARY 17, 2026

TO: DONALD J. HARRIS, ED.D., SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
FROM: ZACK SUHRE, CHIEF SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIAL
RE: BILL LIST FROM JANUARY 22, 2026 – FEBRUARY 17, 2026
DATE: FEBRUARY 24, 2026

{available upon request}

VI – C CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT

TO DONALD J. HARRIS, ED.D., SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
FROM: PAT CURRY, EXEC. DIR K-12 CURRICULUM/PD
RE: CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING
DATE: FEBRUARY 24, 2026

The Curriculum Committee met during the 3rd Quarter on February 11, 2026 to review ongoing curriculum initiatives and discuss updates to district instructional priorities. Recommendations from the committee will guide continued curriculum development and instructional planning for the remainder of the 2025–2026 school year. New course proposals were unanimously approved by the committee. Supporting documents were provided under separate cover.

Approval of the Curriculum Committee Recommendations is recommended.

VI – D DONATIONS AND GIFTS

TO: DONALD J. HARRIS, ED.D., SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
FROM: CHRIS MITCHELL, MANAGER OF DISTRICT COMMUNICATIONS
CHRIS MCCULLOUGH, FOOD SERVICES SUPERVISOR
RE: **DONATIONS/GIFTS**
DATE: FEBRUARY 24, 2026

It is recommended that the board accept the following gifts with thanks and appreciation:

Granite City Cinema/Jake Petrillo: donated free movie tickets **with a few restrictions* for the Student of the Month Program. We cannot thank them enough for their continued commitment to our students and community!!

Duke Bakery/Lisa Hollinger: donated free Smiley Cookie Tickets for the Student of the Month Program. We cannot thank them enough for their commitment to our students and community!!

United Way/Berkshire Hathaway in Edwardsville: The United way and Berkshire Hathaway organized a school supply drive and reached out to our district to identify the most needed items. They generously donated those supplies, and we are truly grateful for their continued support of our students and community.

Central Christian Church; Pastor Derrell Brame: donated six new Refrigerators to Granite City High School, Prather Elementary School, Mitchell Elementary School, Frohardt Elementary School, Wilson Elementary School and Grigsby Elementary School for the Food Recovery Program. We cannot thank them enough for their continued commitment to our students and community!!

VIII – A RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS:

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Kimberly Jackson	Paraprofessional/Maryville	Resignation	End of 2025-2026
Lindsay Hutchings	6 th Grade Teacher/Maryville	Resignation	End of 2025-2026

VIII – B REQUEST FOR LEAVES OF ABSENCE:

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Hannah Gaumer	2 nd Grade Teacher/Grigsby	FMLA	04/22/2026 - 06/01/2026
Emily Richards	Special Ed. Teacher/Wilson	FMLA	01/13/2026 – 03/13/2026

VIII – C EXTRACURRICULAR RESIGNATION(S) FOR 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 – D **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EXTRACURRICULAR 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.

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

Name	Position
Jeff Anderson	GCHS 4th Qtr Metal Detector Supervisor
Liz Cicio	GCHS 4th Qtr Metal Detector Supervisor
Shannon Muskopf	GCHS 4th Qtr Metal Detector Supervisor
Billy Laycock	GCHS 4th Qtr Metal Detector Supervisor
Kim Lignoul	GCHS 4th Qtr Metal Detector Supervisor
John Moad	GCHS 4th Qtr Metal Detector Supervisor
Julie Phillips	GCHS 4th Qtr Metal Detector Supervisor
Bill Puhse	GCHS 4th Qtr Metal Detector Supervisor
Ann Sykes	GCHS 4th Qtr Metal Detector Supervisor
Meredith Tabscott	GCHS 4th Qtr Metal Detector Supervisor
Greg Vaughn	GCHS 4th Qtr Metal Detector Supervisor
Vince Willaredt	GCHS 4th Qtr Metal Detector Supervisor
Liz Cicio	GCHS 4th Qtr Evening Metal Detector Supervisor
Peggy Wilson	GCHS 4th Qtr Evening Metal Detector Supervisor
Gayla Bennett	Coolidge 4th Qtr Metal Detector Supervisor
Jodie Jackels	Coolidge 4th Qtr Metal Detector Supervisor
Adrienne Johnson	Coolidge 4th Qtr Metal Detector Supervisor
Teri Kunz	Coolidge 4th Qtr Metal Detector Supervisor
Nicole Parker	Coolidge 4th Qtr Metal Detector Supervisor
Laura Pavlovec	Coolidge 4th Qtr Metal Detector Supervisor
Sonja Stewart	Coolidge 4th Qtr Metal Detector Supervisor
Jeanette Titchenal	Coolidge 4th Qtr Metal Detector Supervisor
Darla Bremer	Frohardt 4th Qtr Metal Detector Supervisor
Karen Kocarnik	Frohardt 4th Qtr Metal Detector Supervisor
Holly Bladdick	Frohardt 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Darla Bremer	Frohardt 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Max Kipfer	Frohardt 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Karen Kocarnik	Frohardt 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Emily Kowalski	Frohardt 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Ann Mayhall	Frohardt 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Staci Melvin	Frohardt 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Kim Merz	Frohardt 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Leah Schreiber	Grigsby 3rd Qtr Metal Detector Supervisor
Lee Elliff	Grigsby 4th Qtr Metal Detector Supervisor
Leah Schreiber	Grigsby 4th Qtr Metal Detector Supervisor
DeAnn Siville	Grigsby 4th Qtr Metal Detector Supervisor
Mary Kay Wilson	Grigsby 4th Qtr Metal Detector Supervisor
Kaycia Buehler	Grigsby 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Angelique Dorris	Grigsby 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Amy Griffith	Grigsby 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Lori Hawthorne	Grigsby 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Patrick McBride	Grigsby 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Shelby Myatt	Grigsby 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Janet Niles	Grigsby 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Leah Schreiber	Grigsby 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
DeAnn Siville	Grigsby 4th Quarter Lunch Duty

Mary Kay Wilson	Grigsby 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Meagan Harper	Maryville 4th Qtr Metal Detector Supervisor
Denise Stout	Maryville 4th Qtr Metal Detector Supervisor
Sharon Albers	Maryville 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Kate Becker	Maryville 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Erin Ernst	Maryville 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Meagan Harper	Maryville 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Amy Sanvi	Maryville 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Carrie Sitton	Maryville 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Denise Stout	Maryville 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Lori Wilson	Maryville 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Cynthia Desper	Mitchell 4th Qtr Metal Detector Supervisor
Christy Taylor	Mitchell 4th Qtr Metal Detector Supervisor
Claudia Cass	Mitchell 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Amanda Corey-Cox	Mitchell 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Catherine Delmore	Mitchell 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Penny Feldt	Mitchell 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Michaela Genovese-Moss	Mitchell 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Laura Marzluf	Mitchell 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Amanda McNamer	Mitchell 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Marla Miller	Mitchell 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Christy Marana	Prather 4th Qtr Metal Detector Supervisor
Teresa Meador	Prather 4th Qtr Metal Detector Supervisor
Julie Mueller	Prather 4th Qtr Metal Detector Supervisor
Ashley Swip	Prather 4th Qtr Metal Detector Supervisor
Pam Brezger	Prather 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Cindy Heintz	Prather 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Christy Marana	Prather 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Brandy McFarland	Prather 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Teresa Meador	Prather 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Stephanie Medlin	Prather 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Julie Mueller	Prather 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Ashley Swip	Prather 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Jeremy Weaver	Prather 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Brandi Widel	Prather 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Sarah Fernandez	Wilson 4th Qtr Metal Detector Supervisor
Tanya Miller	Wilson 4th Qtr Metal Detector Supervisor
Kacie Bamert	Wilson 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Lindsay Carney	Wilson 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Angela Ellis	Wilson 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Tanya Miller	Wilson 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Sarah Shaw	Wilson 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Richie Skirball	Wilson 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Erica Stone	Wilson 4th Quarter Lunch Duty
Mary Wright	Wilson 4th Quarter Lunch Duty

**pending completion of required paperwork.*

VIII - E **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EXTRACURRICULAR FOR THE 2026-2027 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 - F **CERTIFIED AND CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES; 2025-2026**

TO: DONALD J. HARRIS, ED.D., SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
FROM: ADAM GARRETT, ED.D., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES
RE: CERTIFIED AND CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR
DATE: FEBRUARY 24, 2026

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

Tatiana Huerta Jennifer Peck

Classified

Nolan Briagas Pam Burries Kimberly Kozer Jaynie Ramsey Jacob Cook

Approval is recommended.

VIII – G -1 **EMPLOYMENT OF ONE (1) SPECIAL EDUCATION PARAPROFESSIONAL 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-2 **EMPLOYMENT OF THREE (3) 4-HOUR CAFÉ WORKERS 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 - 3 EMPLOYMENT OF TWO (2) GCHS SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHERS FOR THE 2026-2027 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 - 4 EMPLOYMENT OF FOUR (4) ELEMENTARY TEACHERS FOR THE 2026-2027 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 – H - 1 EMPLOYEE TERMINATION

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

VIII – H - 2 APPROVAL OF AN UNPAID SUSPENSION AND ISSUANCE OF A NOTICE OF REMEDIAL WARNING FOR A CERTIFIED STAFF MEMBER

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

**X – A ORDINANCE GRANTING A PERMANENT DRAINAGE EASEMENT AND TEMPORARY
CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT TO THE CITY OF GRANITE CITY AND SETTING FORTH THE RIGHTS AND
OBLIGATION OF THE GRANTEE**

TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION
FROM: DONALD J. HARRIS, ED.D., SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
RE: PERMANENT DRAINAGE EASEMENT AND TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT
DATE: FEBRUARY 24, 2026

City of Granite City request the BOE to grant them the easement ordinance granting them to permanent drainage. Also requesting temporary construction easement for the purpose of the drainage pipe along Fehling Road. Ordinance documents below.

Approval is recommended.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A PERMANENT DRAINAGE
EASEMENT AND A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT
TO THE CITY OF GRANITE CITY AND SETTING FORTH
THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE GRANTEE

WHEREAS, the City of Granite City is desirous of having an easement ordinance granted to them giving to them a permanent right of way easement as herein described in the attached Permanent Drainage Easement marked Exhibit 1 at Fehling Road and the High School Varsity Baseball field; and setting forth the rights and obligation to have said right of way; additionally the City of Granite City is desirous of having a temporary construction easement as described in Exhibit 2 for purposes of constructing a drainage pipe along the contours of Fehling Road as shown in the Exhibits; and

NOW, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Granite City Community Unit School District No. 9 in the County of Madison and State of Illinois, that in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements and other good and valuable consideration paid and delivered to the undersigned, being the legal and equitable owners, Granite City Community Unit School District No. 9 hereinafter referred to as **GRANTOR**, by the City of Granite City, hereinafter referred to as **GRANTEE**, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the **GRANTOR** does hereby grant, bargain, sell, transfer, and convey unto the **GRANTEE**, its successor and assigns, a perpetual right of way easement with the right to erect, construct, install, and lay, and thereafter use, operate, inspect, repair, maintain, replace, and remove a storm drainage sewer across and through the land of the **GRANTOR** and a Temporary Construction Easement per all remaining terms and conditions under the Permanent Drainage Easement and Temporary Construction Easement attached hereto and made a part hereof and marked as Exhibit A.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval thereof being filed with the School Board Secretary of the Granite City Community Unit School District No. 9.

Passed: _____, 2026.

President
Granite City Community Unit School District No. 9

Attest:

Board Secretary

PERMANENT DRAINAGE EASEMENT

GRANTEE: City of Granite City

GRANTOR: Granite City School District
#9

Granite City School District #9 that in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements and other good and valuable consideration paid in the sum of one dollars (\$ 1.00) and delivered to the undersigned, being the legal and equitable owners, hereinafter referred to a GRANTOR, by CITY OF GRANITE CITY, in the County of MADISON and in the State of Illinois, is an Illinois Municipal Corporation, hereinafter referred to as GRANTEE, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the GRANTOR does hereby grant, bargain, sell, transfer and convey unto the GRANTEE, its heirs, executors, agents, successors, and assigns, a perpetual and permanent drainage easement upon, across, over and through the land of the GRANTORS situated in Madison County, State of Illinois, said land being specifically described in Exhibit A attached.

PIN: 22-1-20-06-14-301-007

GRANTEE, its officers, agents, employees, assigns, successors or contractors, at any time hereafter shall have access to and may enter upon said strip of land for the purpose aforesaid.

GRANTORS will not plant any trees or place any permanent structures over said permanent drainage easement so as to interfere with access thereto.

The grant and other provisions of this permanent drainage easement shall constitute a covenant running with the land for the benefit of the GRANTEE, its officers, agents, employees, successors, and assigns.

Dated this _____ day of _____, A.D. 2025.

GRANTOR (SEAL)

GRANTOR (SEAL)

State of Illinois)
) ss
County of Madison)

I, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, do hereby certify that _____
who are/is personally known to me to be the same person(s) whose name(s) are subscribed to the foregoing
instrument appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered the
said instrument as their free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth, including the release
and waiver of the rights of homestead.

Given under my hand and Notarial Seal this _____ day of _____, A.D., 2025.

Notary Public

*Exempt under provisions of Paragraph B, Section 31-45
Of the Real Estate Transfer Tax Law (36 ILCS 200/31-45)*

Date

Buyer, Seller or Representative

SEAL:

() Return this document to:

The City of Granite City
C/O Juneau Associates, Inc., P.C.
2100 State Street, P.O. Box 1325
Granite City, IL 62040

Storm Drainage Easement
Granite City Community Unit School District 9
22-1-20-08-14-301-007

A twenty-foot wide Storm Drainage Easement located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 8, Township 3 North, Range 9 West of the Third Principal Meridian, City of Granite City, Madison County, Illinois, more fully described as follows:

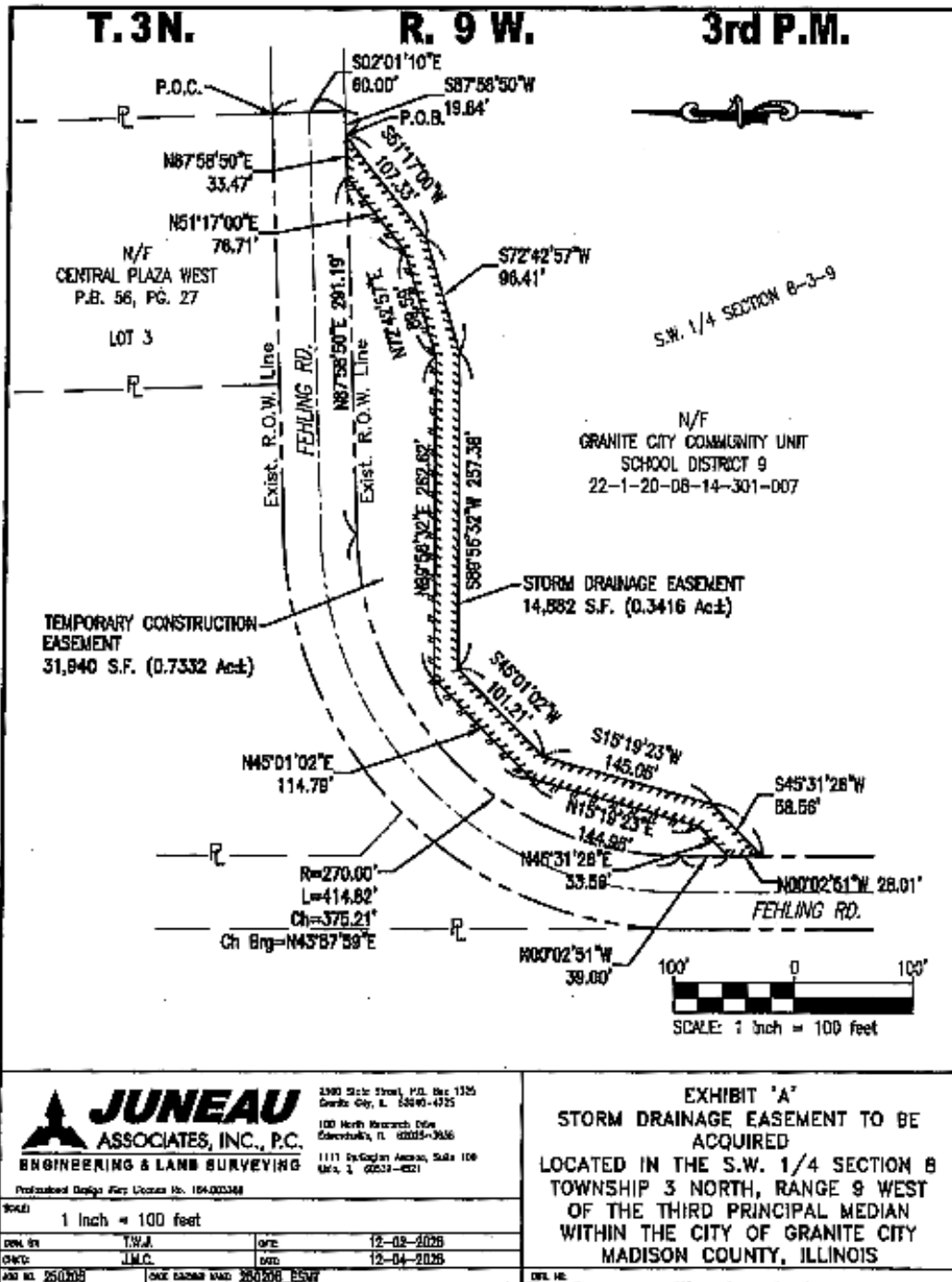
Commencing at the Southeast corner of Lot 3 in Central Plaza West, a subdivision in Plat Cabinet 56, Page 27 in the Recorder's office of Madison County; thence on an assumed bearing of South 02 degrees 01 minutes 10 seconds East along the Southerly extension of the east line of said Lot 3, 60.00 feet to the south right of way line of Fehling Road (60 feet wide); thence South 87 degrees 58 minutes 50 seconds West along said right of way line, 19.84 feet to the Point of Beginning of the Storm Drainage Easement herein described;

From said Point of Beginning; thence South 51 degrees 17 minutes 00 seconds West, 107.33 feet; thence South 72 degrees 42 minutes 57 seconds West, 96.41 feet; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 32 seconds West, 257.38 feet; thence South 45 degrees 01 minutes 02 seconds West, 101.21 feet; thence South 15 degrees 19 minutes 23 seconds West, 145.05 feet; thence South 45 degrees 31 minutes 26 seconds West, 58.56 feet to the east right of way line of said Fehling Road; thence North 00 degrees 02 minutes 51 seconds West along said right of way line, 28.01 feet; thence North 45 degrees 31 minutes 26 seconds East, 33.56 feet; thence North 15 degrees 19 minutes 23 seconds East, 144.95 feet; thence North 45 degrees 01 minutes 02 seconds East, 114.79 feet; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 32 seconds East, 262.62 feet; thence North 72 degrees 42 minutes 57 seconds East, 89.59 feet; thence North 51 degrees 17 minutes 00 seconds East, 76.71 feet to the said south right of way line of Fehling Road; thence North 87 degrees 58 minutes 50 seconds East along said right of way line, 33.47 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Said Storm Drainage Easement contains 14,882 square feet or 0.3416 acre, more or less.

12/03/2025

JAI Job Number: 250206



TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT

That in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements and other good and valuable consideration paid and delivered to the undersigned, being the legal and equitable owner, hereinafter referred to as GRANTORS, by THE CITY OF GRANITE CITY, hereinafter referred to as GRANTEE, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the GRANTOR does hereby grant unto the GRANTEE, its successor and assigns a temporary construction easement with the right to access across and through the land of the GRANTORS situated in Madison County, State of Illinois, said land being identified as:

Permanent Parcel I.D. No. 22-1-20-08-14-301-007
commonly known as 3350 Fehling Rd, Granite City, IL 62040

GRANTEE by its officers, employees or contractors, for a period through the completion of the Fehling Road Drainage Improvement Project by the contractor for the City of Granite City, shall have access to and may enter upon said strip of land for the purpose aforesaid and shall restore the surface of the ground to its original grade. For the purpose of construction, GRANTEE may pile earth and materials thereon, provided no damage is done. GRANTEE agrees, at GRANTEE'S COST AND EXPENSE, to restore the EASEMENT and any utilized adjacent areas to substantially the condition which existed prior to any disruption. The GRANTEE covenants to maintain the easement in good repair so that no unreasonable damage will result from its use to the adjacent land of the GRANTORS, its successors and assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the GRANTORS have executed this instrument this

_____ day of _____, 2025.

Granite City School District #9

State of Illinois }
 } ss
County of Madison }

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public, do hereby certify that _____
_____ personally known to me to be the same persons whose names are
subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and
acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered said instrument as their free and voluntary
act, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and official seal this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Notary Public

250205

X – B

PROPERTY TAX APPEAL DOCKET NO 25-02087.001 1-3 - RESOLUTION

TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

RE: PROPERTY TAX APPEAL DOCKET NO 25-02087.001 1-3 - RESOLUTION

DATE: FEBRUARY 24, 2026

The GCSD9 Board of Education and Administration requests approval of the following Resolution Property Tax Appeal Board Docket NO 25-02087.001 1-3 an appeal by West Way Industrial LLC.

Approval is recommended

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Granite City Community Unit School District No. 9, Madison County, Illinois, is a taxing body in Property Tax Appeal Board Docket No. 25-02087.001 I-3 an appeal by West Way Industrial LLC from a decision of the Board of review of Madison County, Illinois and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is desirous of intervening in the above referenced appeal to the State of Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 9, Madison County, Illinois, that the District intervene in Property Tax Appeal Board No. 25-02087.001 I-3 an appeal by West Way Industrial LLC has filed an appeal from the decision of the Board of Review of Madison County, Illinois.

The District Administration is hereby directed and authorized to file the necessary documents to file the attached Petition to Intervene.

PASSED BY THE Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 9, Madison County, Illinois, this ____ day of December, A.D., 2026.

President
Board of Education

ATTEST:

Secretary
Board of Education



Property Tax Appeal Board
Request to Intervene in Appeal Proceeding

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Parcel Number (Lead PIN if Multi-Parcel): 18-1-14-25-00-000-002.010 ☐ Multi-Parcel Appeal

Address: 3049 Westway Drive
Edwardsville, IL 62025

The appeal is identified in the PTAB's records as Docket No. 25-02087.001 I-3

The Intervenor's interest in this appeal is as:

- ☐ The taxpayer or owner of the subject property.
- ☒ A taxing district which has a revenue interest in the subject property.
(The Request to Intervene must be accompanied by a Resolution from the Taxing Body's Governing Board authorizing its legal representative to file this request to intervene. You must provide the attorney's information, including the firm, attorney's name, address, telephone number and email address.)

Hearing Requested? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Intervenor Information

Name Granite City Community Unit School District #9

Address Line 1 3200 Maryville Rd.

Address Line 2 _____

City Granite City

State IL ZIP 62040

Telephone _____

Email Address _____

Attorney for Intervenor

Last Name Schooley

First Name Thomas

Firm Name Law Offices of Thomas E. Schooley

Address Line 1 2038 Edison Ave.

Address Line 2 P.O. Box 1289

City Granite City

State IL ZIP 62040

Telephone 618/877-2142

Email Address lowws@charter.net

Evidence:

- ☐ I certify this completed form along with enclosed evidence completes my filing **OR**
- ☐ I hereby request an extension of time to submit my evidence. Days requested: _____

Date _____ Signature _____

PLEASE SUBMIT TO: PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD
ROOM 402 STRATTON OFFICE BUILDING
401 SOUTH SPRING STREET
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62706-4001
(217) 782-6076

X – C

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X – D

COOLIDGE JUNIOR HIGH – EF EDUCATIONAL TOURS 2028

TO: DONALD J HARRIS ED.D., SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
FROM: DAVID KEEL, EX. DIR. OF EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS
RE: COOLIDGE JUNIOR HIGH – EF EDUCATIONAL TOURS 2028
DATE: FEBRUARY 24, 2026

Permission is requested to allow Terri Kunz to distribute EF travel information at Coolidge Junior High School to students and parents regarding a tour in 2028 through EF Educational Groups to Australia, New Zealand, and Hawaii. Please see the attached for more detailed information. The first parent meeting will be on March 3, 2026.

Approval is recommended.

I am pleased to announce an exciting trip coming up during our 2028 summer vacation for any interested student, parent/adult, and GCSD staff. In **July, 2028 we will explore Journey Down Under**. During our tour, we will visit Australia, New Zealand, and Hawaii while enjoying the magnificent scenery and many fabulous activities for 15 days.

I have chosen to travel with EF because they have been in business for 50+ years and have offices around the world, which makes me feel secure. EF guarantees the lowest price for the highest quality. The price includes round-trip airfare, internal flight, hotel accommodations, a full time EF Tour Director, motorcoach, two meals daily (breakfast and dinner), and entrance fees to 12 activities. Participants will need to apply for a passport and tip money is additional. You must sign up by 3-13-26 to get this price.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING WILL BE ON Tuesday, March 3rd, at Coolidge in Room 155 from 6:00-7:00 pm. Please use the QR code to RSVP.

Previous EF Educational trips I have traveled:

2008 London, Paris, & Rome
2009 Costa Rica
2011 Greece and surrounding Islands
2013 Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Austria & France
2015 London, Paris, & Rome
2017 Costa Rica
2022 Spain- Barcelona & Madrid
2024 Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Austria & France (Group of 40!)
2026 Journey Through the Galapagos (June 2026)
2028 Australia & Hawaii

Please discuss this fantastic opportunity with your son or daughter, spouse, or coworker! Let them know that these trips are fast paced and involve a lot of travel time and energy. The price of the trip also increases as the trip draws closer; There is also a \$200.00 discount for Early Enrollment already at this price if you sign up by 3-13-26. There is a \$95.00 enrollment fee. The price quoted is only good until March 21st and after that the price does increase due to no early enrollment discount. You can still sign up after 3-13-26.

You can also visit **effours.com** and type in the **tour number 3026315WX** under "Check it out!" to find out more. I have been very blessed throughout my teaching career of 33+ years to explore 10 EF trips with over 120+ travelers! THANK YOU!!!!

Warm regards,
Terri Kunz, Coolidge Teacher & EF Tour Group Leader
School phone: 618-451-5826
Email: terri.kunz@gcsd9.net

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JOURNEY DOWN UNDER

12 or 15 days | Australia | New Zealand | Extension to Hawaii

From afar, New Zealand and Australia may appear similar, both Pacific nations shaped by a shared history of British colonization. But up close, each country reveals its own rich, distinct culture—from Māori traditions in Rotorua to Aboriginal roots along the Great Barrier Reef.

EVERYTHING YOU GET:

-  Full-time Tour Director
-  Sightseeing: 3 sightseeing tours led by your Tour Director (4 with extension); 1 walking tour
-  Entrances: Rotorua geothermal area; Māori village; Skyline Gondola; "Introduction to Jade in New Zealand" experience; Rotorua duck tour; Agrodome; Great Barrier Reef; Sydney Tower; "Introduction to Opal in Australia" experience; ferry to Watsons Bay; Hyde Park Barracks Museum; with extension: lei greeting; USS Arizona Memorial; Waimea Valley
-  Personalized learning guide: Our personalized learning experience engages students before, during, and after tour, with the option to create a final, reflective project for academic credit.
-  All of the details are covered: Round-trip flights on major carriers; comfortable motorcoach; internal flights; ferry; 9 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (11 with extension); Breakfast and dinner daily; 9 dinners (12 with extension)



Visit Māori village



Skyline Gondola

Anyone can see the world.

YOU'RE GOING TO EXPERIENCE IT.

As you can see, your EF tour includes visits to the places you've learned about in school. That's a given. But it's so much more than that. Immersing yourself in new cultures—surrounded by the people, the language, the food, the way of life—creates inspirational moments that can't be listed in an itinerary. They can only be experienced.

And the experience begins long before you get your passport stamped and meet your Tour Director in your arrival city. It begins the moment you decide to go. Whether it's connecting with other travelers on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram, or delving deeper into your destinations with our personalized learning experience, the excitement will hit you long before you pack your suitcase.

When your group arrives abroad, everything is taken care of so you can relax and enjoy the experience. Your full-time Tour Director is with your group around the clock, handling local transportation, hotels, and meals while also providing their own insight into the local history and culture. Expert local guides will lead your group on sightseeing tours, providing detailed views on history, art, architecture, or anything you may have a question about.

When your journey is over and you're unpacking your suitcase at home, you'll realize the benefits of your life-changing experience do not end. They have just begun.

@EFtours I attribute my college semester abroad to the love for travel I discovered on an EF Tour in high school #traveltuesday

— MELISSA, TRAVELER



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Your teacher's Tour Website



Learn from your Tour Director



The Great Barrier Reef



Sydney Opera House

What you'll experience on your tour

Days 1–2: Fly to New Zealand

- Cross the International Date Line.

Day 3: Auckland

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport in Auckland.
- Take a tour of Auckland with your Tour Director.
- Explore more of Auckland on your own
- 📍 All Blacks Experience, a rugby and cultural showcase with hands-on activities.

Day 4: Auckland | Rotorua

- Travel to Rotorua, known for its geothermal activity and deep-rooted Māori traditions.
- Visit the Agrodome for a sheep-shearing demonstration.

Day 5: Rotorua

- Take a Rotorua Duck Tour, where you'll explore the city's historic landmarks and sites on an amphibious duck boat.
- Visit a Rotorua geothermal area to marvel at bubbling pools of mud, crystal springs of hot mineral water, geysers, and richly colored craters.
- Ride the Skyline gondola.
- Participate in an "Introduction to Jade in New Zealand" experience.
- Visit a Māori village to learn about local legends and tribal customs.
- Enjoy Māori song and dance during a traditional hāngī dinner.

Day 6: Rotorua | Auckland | Sydney

- Travel to Auckland.
- Fly to Sydney, a stunning, cosmopolitan city of 4.6 million people that boasts world-class beaches, iconic architecture, and breathtaking natural wonders.

Day 7: Sydney

- Take a tour of Sydney.
- Enjoy an "Introduction to Opal in Australia" experience.
- Enjoy a ferry ride across the harbor to Watsons Bay, Australia's oldest fishing village.
- Explore the Hyde Park Barracks Museum, a UNESCO Heritage Site, on a unique tour that brings students face-to-face with Australia's convict heritage.
- Visit Sydney Tower to enjoy a bird's-eye view of the city from the observation deck. At 1,063 feet, it's the second-tallest building south of the equator.
- Take a walking tour of the historic Rocks neighborhood. Situated in the shadow of the Sydney Harbor Bridge, this well-preserved colonial neighborhood marks the spot where Australia's first fleet of European settlers landed in 1788.

Day 8: Sydney

- Enjoy time to see more of Sydney or
- 📍 explore more of the Sydney Harbor area with a tour of the world-famous Opera House and more.

Day 9: Sydney | Cairns

- Fly to Cairns.

Day 10: Cairns

- Visit Australia's magnificent Great Barrier Reef, one of the natural wonders of the world. Stretching 1,240 miles along the Queensland coast, the reef is nature's largest living organism. It is home to 400 kinds of coral, 1,500 species of fish, and 4,000 types of mollusk. Cruise from Cairns via speedy, air-conditioned catamaran to the Outer Barrier Reef and be amazed by the dazzling blue of the ocean around you. After arriving at the pontoon, you can opt to swim, snorkel, or take a glass-bottomed boat ride to view the incredible scenery of this watery world: the electric colors of tropical fish, swaying plants, and exquisite corals.
- Time to see more of the Great Barrier Reef or
- 📍 go snorkeling with a marine biologist.

Day 11: Cairns

- Enjoy time to see more of Cairns or
- 📍 take an excursion to Kuranda: Skytrain and Pamagirri Rainforest Walkabout experience.

Day 12: Depart for home

📍 3-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

Day 12: Honolulu

- Fly to Honolulu.
- Re-cross the International Date Line.
- Participate in a lei greeting.
- Spend time in the town of Haleiwa.
- Visit Waimea Valley.

Day 13: Honolulu

- Enjoy a free day to relax on the beach.
- Have dinner at your own pace or
- 📍 attend a luau.

Day 14: Honolulu

- Tour Honolulu with an expert local guide.
- Visit the USS Arizona Memorial.
- Depart for your overnight flight home.

Day 15: Arrive home

TOP THREE THINGS I WILL SEE, DO, TRY, OR EXPLORE

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

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Two Education Circle
Cambridge, MA 02141

My daughter has gained such an amazing view of the world and history from this experience. She has not stopped talking since I picked her up at the airport. Thank you for all the organization, helpful hints, flexible payment plan, and knowledgeable tour guides.

—CHARLOTTE, PARENT OF TRAVELER



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For over 55 years, EF has been working toward one global mission: *Opening the World Through Education*. Your teacher has partnered with EF because of our unmatched worldwide presence, our focus on affordability, and our commitment to providing experiences that teach critical thinking, problem solving, collaboration, and global competence. What's more:

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every step of the way on tour, providing insight about your destinations as well as great local tips.

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X – E ALT ED AND K -12 SUMMER SCHOOL PROPOSAL

TO: DONALD J. HARRIS, ED.D., SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
FROM: DAVID KEEL, EXEC. DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS
MICKI WATKINS, DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION
PAT CURRY, EXEC. DIR K-12 CURRICULUM/PD
RE: ALT ED AND K-12 SUMMER SCHOOL PROPOSAL
DATE: FEBRUARY 24, 2026

Permission is requested to offer a K - 7 Summer School Program at Lake School. Students attending the alternative school program at Lake ESSC will be offered summer school also. All programs will be Monday through Friday, student hours are 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. Students will receive breakfast and lunch daily. Summer school will begin on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, and end on Wednesday, June 24, 2026. All classes are in-person and bussing will be offered.

Permission is also requested to offer a Granite City High School Summer School Program. The cost will be \$100 per class. Summer school dates are the same as above. In-person and online courses will be offered. Courses will also be offered to incoming freshmen. There will be no transportation provided by the district for high school summer school.

Approval is recommended.

X – F WILSON ASPHALT PLAYGROUND

TO: DONALD J. HARRIS, ED.D., SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
FROM: ERIC SMITH, FACILITIES MANAGEMENT
RE: WILSON ASPHALT PLAYGROUND
DATE: FEBRUARY 24, 2026

GCSD9 Administration requests approval to contract **Stutz Excavating** for the new Playground project. A mandatory pre-bid meeting was held on February 2, 2026, at Maryville School, with three contractors in attendance: Stutz Excavating, Mayer and Christ Bros. Asphalt.

The project includes excavation and installation of a rock subgrade, followed by new asphalt paving. The new playground will match the size of the existing playground.

Christ Bros Asphalt: \$195,900
Stutz Excavating: \$174,495
Mayer: \$178,631

Approval is recommended.

X – G MARYVILLE ASPHALT PLAYGROUND

TO: DONALD J. HARRIS, ED.D., SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
FROM: ERIC SMITH, FACILITIES MANAGEMENT
RE: MARYVILLE ASPHALT PLAYGROUND
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Christ Bros Asphalt: \$186,200
Stutz Excavating: \$169,155
Mayer: \$186,125

Approval is recommended.

X – H MARYVILLE SCHOOL HVAC UPGRADE

TO: DONALD J. HARRIS, ED.D., SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
FROM: ERIC SMITH, FACILITIES MANAGEMENT
RE: MARYVILLE SCHOOL HVAC UPGRADE
DATE: FEBRUARY 24, 2026

GCSD9 Administration seeks approval to award the project for the installation of 13 new air conditioning units at Maryville School to **Vayden Mechanical**.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting was held on February 2, 2026, at Maryville School, with two contractors in attendance: A&H Mechanical and Vayden Mechanical. Although A&H Mechanical submitted the lowest bid, their bid packet was incomplete. As a result, Vayden Mechanical is recommended.

These units are nearly 30 years old, and replacing them will help ensure reliable operation and maintain a comfortable learning environment within the building.

A&H Mechanical \$231,000
Vayden Mechanical \$261,883

Approval is recommended.

TO: DONALD J. HARRIS ED.D., SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
FROM: ERIC SMITH, FACILITIES MANAGEMENT
RE: **FROHARDT PARKING LOT EXTENSION**
DATE: FEBRUARY 24, 2026

GCSD9 Administration requests approval to contract. **Christ Bros Asphalt** for the new parking lot extension project. A mandatory pre-bid meeting was held on February 2, 2026, at Maryville School, with three contractors in attendance: Stutz Excavating, Mayer and Christ Bros. Asphalt.

The project will include excavation and installation of a rock subgrade, followed by new asphalt paving. This extension will provide an on-site drop-off and pickup area, eliminating the need to use the church parking lot.

Christ Bros Asphalt: \$295,900

Stutz Excavating: \$397,245

Mayer: \$334,670

Approval is recommended.



X – J STUDENT DISCIPLINE

TO: DONALD J HARRIS ED.D., SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
FROM: DAVID KEEL, EXEC. DIR. OF EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS
RE: ADMINISTRATIVE PLACEMENT REQUEST TO CEO
DATE: FEBRUARY 24, 2026

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

X – K GCHS CLUB PROPOSAL FOR BRIDGE BUILDERS

To: Donald J. Harris, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
From: Micki Watkins, Director of Special Educations
RE: GCHS CLUB PROPOSAL FOR BRIDGE BUILDERS
Date: February 24, 2026

The creation of the Bridge Builders club is a direct result of our participation in the Special Olympics Unified Sports and our efforts to become, and then remain, a Unified Champion School with Special Olympics.

The Bridge Builders program, under the Unified Champion Schools strategy, promotes a socially inclusive school climate that supports students with and without intellectual disabilities and fosters meaningful opportunities for every student to contribute. Students with and without intellectual disabilities work together to lead awareness, advocacy, inclusion, and other Special Olympics activities throughout the school year. By organizing inclusive activities, educational events and collaborative projects, the club aims to foster a school culture of empathy, understanding, acceptance, and ultimately enhancing the overall educational experience for all students. A few examples of the activities club sponsors coordinate include:

Respect Week
Peer Buddy Program
Unified PE
Unified Sports

Building-level sponsorship and participation would be voluntary for a three-year trial period aligned to the school calendar. During this trial period, volunteer sponsors will maintain records of participation numbers, student attendance, and annual meeting calendars to support evaluation of the effectiveness of the program.

Approval is recommended

XI - 1 - A 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 24, 2026

We received seven requests under the Freedom of Information Act during the period of January 21, 2026 through February 17, 2026.

1. The first request was received on January 22, 2026 from Lore Siga of Construct Connect. She requested the following information:

- *Bid documents and estimated budget for Maryville School HVAC Replacement*
- *Bid documents and estimated budget for Maryville School Asphalt*
- *Bid documents and estimated budget for Wilson School Asphalt Bid – Concrete*

2. The second request was received on February 3, 2026 from Max Binnington of Judiciocracy LLC. He requested the following information:

- *All bills from external attorneys or law firms for the year 2024, and through July 18, 2025 for 2025.*
- *All engagement agreements with attorneys or law firms affiliated with any of the legal bills for the time period in item #1.*
- *All other engagement agreements with attorneys or law firms executed in 2024 and in 2025 through July 18, 2025 not affiliated with any legal bills produced in item #1.*
- *Documents showing any and all attorneys or legal professionals (attorneys, law firms, law clerks, paralegals and the like) who appeared on behalf of, represented, advised, or otherwise counseled the entity in 2024, and for 2025 through July 18, 2025.*

3. The third request was received on February 5, 2026 from Michael Henry of Live.com. He requested the following information:

- *From 2019 thru present please provide copies of all bonds sold by the District- This only needs to happen if the District did not comply the required background checks*
 - *From 2019 Please give the firm and name of the Districts Primary Attorney. if no primary Attorney Please list all Firms and Attorneys employed by your School District from Jan 1, 2019 Forward*
 - *From 2019 thru the present please provide Documentation the District Complied with Illinois law and Performed the Background check the District Superintendent is supposed to perform of whoever is designated to perform*
 - *The Background Checks for Board members Prior to them being Given the Oath of Office.*
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• *Please Provide the background reports as Required under Illinois Law for each School Board elected in the State of Illinois from 2010 Present Performed by Each of the Government Entities in this Email.*

4. The fourth request was received on February 5, 2026 from Lore Siga of Construct Connect. She requested the following information:

- *Wilson School Asphalt Bid - Concrete*
- *Maryville School Asphalt*
- *Maryville HVAC Replacement*
- *Frohardt School Asphalt Bid*
- *Copy of any addenda that have been released to date*
- *Estimated Construction Budget*
- *Copy of mandatory pre-bid meeting sign in sheet*

5. The fifth request was received on February 9, 2026 from Oshea Smith of SunLightAccess.com. She requested the following information:

• *Copies of the most recent contracts, agreements, amendments, and renewals by Granite City Community Unit School District 9 from January 1, 2020 through January 29, 2026 in connection with the following vendors:*

- Mastery Prep*
- Albert.io*
- IXL*
- Edgenuity*
- Khan Academy*
- Jumpstart*
- Texas College Bridge*
- Kaplan*
- Princeton Review*
- Uworld*
- Cambridge Educational Services*
- Schmoop*
- Texas College Bridge*
- Progress Learning*
- HMH (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)*

6. The sixth request was received on February 11, 2026 from Sophia Price of The Data Branch Research Team. She requested the following information:

1. Purchase Orders and Transaction Records

- *Purchase orders, invoices, or transaction histories related to disposable foodservice items (e.g., cups, containers, clamshells, cutlery).*
- *Line-item details showing product descriptions, quantities, unit pricing, and total spend.*

2. Supplier and Distributor Information

- *Names of vendors, distributors, or manufacturers from whom these products were purchased, including but not limited to vendors such as Sysco, US Foods, Gordon Food Service (GFS), Pactiv, Dart, Eco-Products, World*
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Centric, or other foodservice distributors or manufacturers.

- Any identifiable competitor or brand names listed in purchase order line items.

3. Contracts and Procurement Documents

- Contracts, contract summaries, or agreements related to these purchases.

- RFQs, RFPs, or bid documents associated with disposable or sustainable foodservice products.

4. Sustainability-Related Products

- Records indicating whether purchased products were compostable, biodegradable, recyclable, or otherwise marketed as sustainable alternatives.

- Documentation comparing sustainable products versus traditional disposable products (e.g., styrofoam or plastic).

5. Buyer and Department Information

- The department(s) responsible for these purchases.

- Buyer or procurement contact names and titles, where available.

7. The seventh request was received on February 16, 2026 from the Illinois Retired Teachers Association. They requested the following information:

- *Name and school email of certified staff members planning to retire in 2026.*

The requests were handled by Administration.
