



Gull Lake Community Schools

COMMUNICATOR

September 2026



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The Mission of Gull Lake Community Schools is to educate every child to achieve his/her full potential.

Superintendent Message



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL YEAR 2026-2027!

As we begin another school year at Gull Lake Community Schools, we want to thank the many staff members who have worked throughout the summer to prepare our schools, classrooms, programs, and learning spaces for our students. Their dedication and commitment help make GLCS a special place to learn and grow.

We are excited to welcome back our students, staff, families, and community members. As we begin the year, we remain focused on our commitment to **Read, Write, Speak with Purpose** while creating engaging, meaningful learning experiences that challenge students to reach their fullest potential.

This year, we embrace the theme **Together We Will**. Together, we will collaborate, share ideas, listen to one another, celebrate successes, and work through challenges. When students, staff, families, and our community come together with a shared purpose, there is no limit to what we can accomplish.

Together We Will!

Drew Bordner
Superintendent of Schools



BOBBI JO STONER
Assistant Superintendent of
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There's a special kind of energy that comes with the start of a new school year—fresh routines, big goals, and that excitement of endless possibilities ahead. Whether you are a district parent or a valued neighbor in our community, welcome to the start of a new school year!

I'm thrilled to step into my new role as Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instructional Technology. While the position is new, Gull Lake has been my home for 18 of my 26 years in education (most recently as the high school principal). I love this community, and I'm deeply invested in helping every student reach their full potential.

As we kick off the year, our central focus remains simple and strong—helping every single student read, write, and speak with purpose. You'll also see some new upgrades behind the scenes, like our new student system, Skyward, as we work to make learning and communication smoother for everyone.

Great schools take a whole community. I'm excited to partner with you all for an incredible year of growth!

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EVENTS AT KBS!

CRAFT CLASSES WITH THE MANOR HOUSE ●
SEPT. 15 FABULOUS FLOWERS AND FOLIAGE • **OCT. 6** AUTUMN PUMPKIN ARRANGEMENTS • **OCT. 14** MUM'S THE WORD • **NOV. 11** NARCISSUS BLUMEN GARDEN

<p>EXPLORING WITH SCIENTISTS ● SEPT. 19 2 - 3 P.M.</p> <p>MONTHLY BIRDING HIKES ● SEPT. 24 & OCT. 22 9 - 10:30 A.M.</p> <p>BALD EAGLES UP CLOSE ● SEPT. 24 6:30- 7:30 P.M.</p> <p>BEHIND THE SCENES: RAPTORS ● OCT. 10 10 - 11 A.M.</p> <p>ARTS & EATS TOUR WEEKEND ● OCT. 17-18 10 A.M. - 5 P.M. FREE ADMISSION TO THE SANCTUARY</p>	<p>OWL PROWL ● OCT. 22 6:30 - 8 P.M.</p> <p>MURDER MYSTERY DINNER ● OCT. 24 6 - 9 P.M.</p> <p>FALL MIGRATION CELEBRATION ● NOV. 1 1 - 4 P.M.</p> <p>DESSERT WITH DISCUSSION: THE SCIENCE OF BIRD COLOR ● NOV. 5 7 - 8:30 P.M.</p>
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**BIRDS AND COFFEE
ONLINE CHATS**
10 - 11 A.M.
SEPT. 9 • OCT. 14 • NOV. 11

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kbs.msu.edu/events

- BIRD SANCTUARY
- COMMUNITY RELATIONS
- CONFERENCE CENTER & MANOR HOUSE

GO BLUE DEVILS!



MEET UP and EAT UP™

We saw a tremendous turnout for Meet Up and Eat Up at Kellogg this summer! Students under the age of 18 were able to receive a free, nutritious breakfast and lunch every day through this program, served by our fabulous Chartwells staff. Several families joined us each day not only for meals, but for the reconnection with friends and community aspect as well.

Kellogg and Richland Elementary staff engaged in a book study centered around the book *"Your Students, My Students, Our Students"* during our back to school professional development week. Teachers collaborated at a high level to rethink some of our traditional practices and embraced a shared responsibility for ensuring every student feels seen, heard, and valued. This shared learning reflects a greater commitment to creating equitable classrooms and inclusive practices that support our youngest Blue Devils!



Richland Elementary

DANIELLE BUCKMASTER
Principal – dbuckmaster@gulllakecs.org

Robotics

Four groups of 3rd-7th graders spent a week building functioning fork lifts out of Lego Boost sets. They were able to program them and add parts as needed to help them do their job. Students also used Spheros to learn programming and used their creativity to design and build obstacle courses for the Spheros to navigate.



Summer Camp

1st-5th grade students enjoyed Camp Great Learning Summer School during the month of July. Students reinforced math, reading, and writing skills while engaging in other activities including guest readers and learning about service dogs from a trainer. Students also went home with a number of books to add to their home library thanks to our generous Gull Lake Foundation.





Gull Lake Middle School

DR. CARMEN MARING

GLMS Principal – cmaring@gulllakecs.org

Welcome back, students, families, and community members, to what promises to be an extraordinary school year! Middle school is a uniquely vibrant chapter—a time of rapid growth, booming curiosity, and self-discovery as our young adolescents begin to navigate the world with greater independence. The GLMS Team considers it a profound privilege to walk alongside our middle schoolers during these formative years. Our dedicated staff is fully energized and committed to creating a safe, engaging, and academically rigorous environment tailored specifically to the physical, social, and emotional needs of this age group. Rooted in our core mission of **"Growing Learners, Becoming Leaders,"** whether it is inspiring critical thinking in the classroom, fostering kindness in the hallways, or encouraging participation in athletics and the arts, our goal is to ensure every student feels seen, supported, and empowered to reach their fullest potential. We are honored to partner with our community to nurture our leaders of tomorrow, and cannot wait to see all that our students will accomplish together this year!



High School News

KRISTIE POULSON

Principal – kpoulson@gulllakecs.org

WELCOME BACK, BLUE DEVILS!

As we begin a new school year, the halls of GLHS are once again filled with energy, excitement, and plenty of Blue Devil pride! We are so excited to welcome our students, families, and staff back and look forward to a wonderful year together.

This year brings exciting additions and changes to our team, and we are thrilled to introduce you to the people who will help make GLHS a great place to learn, grow, and belong.



New Leadership at GLHS

We are excited to welcome **Kristie Poulson as the new Principal of Gull Lake High School**. Kristie has served as an assistant principal at GLHS for the past three years and is deeply committed to building meaningful relationships, supporting students and staff, and helping every student reach their full potential. She looks forward to continuing the strong work already happening at GLHS while building on the traditions that make our school community so special.

We are also excited to welcome two new **Assistant Principals, Justina Goodyke and Joshua Hogmire**. Both bring valuable experience in K-12 education, behavior support, and school leadership. We are grateful to have them joining our team and look forward to the energy, experience, and perspective they will bring to GLHS.

Together with **Karyn Furlong, Athletic Director**, Kristie, Justina, and Josh make up the GLHSI administrative team. We are excited about the year ahead and the opportunity to work together in support of our students, staff, and families.

New Faces in the Front Office

We are also excited to welcome a familiar face to the GLHS front office! **Jennifer Pickens** has joined **Sam VanderSalm, Kim Ford, and Kelly Quartermaine** as our administrative assistants. Jenn comes to us from Gull Lake Middle School and already knows and cares deeply about the Gull Lake community. We are thrilled to have her join the high school!



Welcoming Our New School Resource Officer

We are pleased to welcome Deputy Craig Copeland as our new School Resource Officer. Deputy Copeland's office is at the high school, allowing him to be a consistent, familiar presence in our school community. We look forward to getting to know him and working together to support a safe and welcoming environment for our students and staff.

Welcoming New Blue Devil Educators

We are especially excited to welcome six talented educators to the GLHS family this year. Please join us in welcoming:

Claire Haase
Special Education
Teacher Consultant

Aeryn Hart
English Language Arts

Laila Himebauch
Multilingual Teacher

Ethan Schau
Social Studies

Sky Trimble
Resource Room

Emma VanDenburg
Mathematics

We are fortunate to have such wonderful educators joining our team. Each brings unique experiences, talents, and perspectives that will strengthen our school community and provide new opportunities for our students.

Please join us in giving all of our new team members a warm Blue Devil welcome! We are excited for the year ahead and look forward to all that we will accomplish together. Go Blue Devils!

SPANISH CLUB'S TRIP TO COSTA RICA 2026

This past June, the Gull Lake Spanish Club traveled to Costa Rica to enjoy the culture, food, language and rich biodiversity that make up this remarkable country. Some of the outdoor adventures the students and parents experienced included kayaking on Lake Arenal, ziplining through the treetops of Monteverde Cloud Forest, and rafting down the churning rapids of the Sarapiquí River. The trip was an amazing blend of culture, biology and outdoor activities highlighted by encounters with the diverse species of monkeys, birds, insects, and reptiles that call this unique country their home.

The Spanish Club will be having the first meeting on 9/24/26 at 7pm in room 2410 at GLHS for our next trip to Peru, Machu Picchu and the Amazon Basin in June 2028. If you cannot attend but would like information about this trip, please contact Deb Kuch at dkuch@gulllakecs.org.



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GULL LAKE VIRTUAL PARTNERSHIP NEWS

MICHELLE JAROS Principal of Early College and Innovative Programs - mjaros@gulllakecs.org



Welcome New GLVP Staff!

CHRISTINE KEELER
ELA/Spanish Teacher



GULL LAKE EARLY COLLEGE NEWS

LISA ADDY Dean of Early College
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We are proud of our GLEC students and wish everyone a successful fall semester!



Volunteer Opportunities Available!



Did you know that the Gull Lake Area Community Volunteers work quietly behind the scenes in our school district to raise money for students and families in need?

The GLACVs sponsor two amazing fundraisers each year: The "My Gal and I Spring Dance" held in March and the Richland Art Fair held at Gull Meadow Farms in July. The funds raised help provide medical, dental, and educational assistance for students, family emergency assistance, as well as our Fall Warm-Up and Bright Holidays programs where clothing, food, and personal care products are given to families for the holiday season.

If you are a hard-working individual with a kind heart, who enjoys volunteering, WE NEED YOU! We meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the GLHS staff lounge. For more information or if you are in need of assistance, please log in to GLACV.org.

Gull Lake Area Community Volunteers and helpers enjoy the recent Richland Art Fair.

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Gateway News

LYNNETTE WALKER
Gateway Academy Supervisor
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As we welcome the Class of 2027 to a new school year at Gull Lake Gateway Academy, our theme is **Gateway to Greatness**, grounded in three values that guide our work: Respect, Responsibility, and Resilience.

The artwork on our Gateway wall captures the spirit of this theme. Right now, the black wall is intentionally empty. As the year progresses, students will add their names and the classes they successfully pass. With every name and accomplishment, the wall will become less black and more filled with evidence of growth, perseverance, and success.

That same transformation happens in our students. Throughout the year, learning extends beyond the classroom through community service activities, art, writing, career exploration, and life-skills activities.

At Gateway, we believe every student has a path to greatness. We are excited to watch that path (and our wall) come to life throughout the year.





WELCOME BACK GL!

We are excited to kick off another year of Blue Devil athletics! Our fall sports are in full swing, so stay up to date on our teams and events by following us on social media or visiting our website!

Website: www.glbluedevils.com

Facebook: Gull Lake Athletics

Instagram: GLBlueDevils

Twitter: @GoGLBlueDevils

Below are a few reminders and updates if you plan to attend any of our events:

- Admission to high school events is \$7.00, and children 12 and under are free as long as they are with an adult.
- Admission to middle school events is \$5.00, and children 12 and under are free as long as they are with an adult.
- We do offer online tickets through Hometown Ticketing, so download the Hometown Fan App to keep all of your tickets in one place! Cash and credit is also accepted at the gate.
- We offer our all sports pass which includes 25 entries into home events. These never expire and are transferable. The cost is \$125 and can be purchased through our box office via our website, www.glbluedevils.com.
- Student passes for grades 7-12 may also be purchased online and students must enter their school ID to purchase a pass.. They are \$35 and allow entry into all regular season GL athletic events.
- We do NOT allow any projectile objects (balls, frisbees, etc.) into our events at the stadium. They will be confiscated at the gate.
- We do NOT allow pets into our outdoor stadium, and they will need to remain outside the large fence.

Winter Sport Start Dates

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Boys Basketball: October 19

Girls Basketball: January 4

Wrestling: December 7

Competitive Cheer: November 2

HIGH SCHOOL

Ice Hockey: October 26

Competitive Cheer: November 9

Bowling: November 9

Wrestling: November 16

Girls Basketball: November 18

Boys Basketball: November 11

Boys Swim/Dive: November 23

Look for updates on tryout times and schedules at our website!

We look forward to hosting you at our events this year and as always, *Go Blue Devils!*

Blue Devil Spectator Sportsmanship Expectations

- ★ Positively cheer for our Blue Devils!
- ★ Respect all players, game officials, coaches, and game personnel.
- ★ Stay off the playing surface.
- ★ Use appropriate language.
- ★ Win and lose with good sportsmanship.

For those of students that plan to participate in a future sport at the high school or middle school please remember:

- All students must have a Final Forms online account created through finalsforms.com.
- All students must have a valid sports physical (one that is dated on or after 4/15/26) uploaded to their Final Forms account.
- Please make sure you select all sports you are interested in participating in this school year.



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Gull Lake Early Learning Center

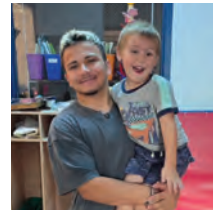
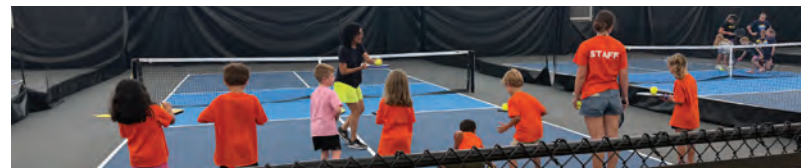
KELSEY WARD Child Care/Community Education Coordinator – kward@gulllakecs.org

A Summer of Fun at Gull Lake Early Learning & AACC!

What a summer it was at Gull Lake Early Learning & AACC! This summer, we welcomed 120 students for 10 weeks filled with fun, learning, exploration, and unforgettable memories. Each week brought a new adventure as our campers explored themes including space, sports, Around the World, detectives, and so much more!

Our campers enjoyed exciting field trips to West Hills Athletic Club for pickleball, the Grand Rapids Public Museum, Maple Hill Splash Pad, Mooville, the zoo, and Craig's Cruisers. We also looked forward to swimming at Sherman Lake YMCA each week, which was always a favorite!

From new experiences to laughter with friends, our summer was filled with memories that will last a lifetime. We are incredibly proud of our campers and staff and are excited to welcome everyone back as we kick off a new school year with our before-and-after school programs and preschool programs for 3- and 4-year-olds.



Go Gull Lake!

2026 Transportation Emergency Preparedness

Several of our bus drivers were able to participate in an emergency preparedness training hosted by KRESA. They completed training on subjects like railroad safety, first-aid, wheelchair securement with emergency evacuation, and how to use a fire extinguisher. One of the training segments focused on just how fast a fire can travel through a school bus. This experience reinforced the importance of the practice

evacuations they perform with the students multiple times throughout the year. These hands-on training opportunities help our drivers prepare for an emergency on their bus.



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Leader In Me at Ryan Intermediate

ROB WOODROW
Principal – rwoodrow@gulllakecs.org

Hello Ryan Intermediate families!

I hope you had a fun, relaxing summer vacation. Below are a few important events and dates to mark on your calendar as we approach the first days of school. We are looking forward to the 2026-27 school year. If you have any questions regarding the upcoming school year, please contact our main office at 269-548-3700.

09/4 & 9/7 - No school, Labor Day

09/11 - Patriots' Day Recognition (wear red, white, or blue)

09/15 - Picture Day (Monday, September 21, 2026)

09/23 - Early Release (2:05p)

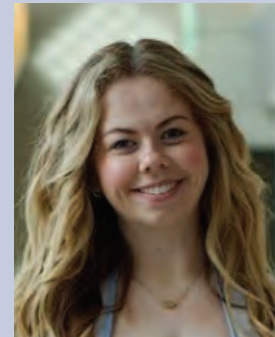
10/15 - Conference 5p-8p

10/16 - No school for students, conferences 9a-12p & 1p-4p

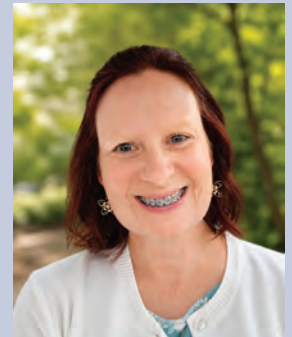
MEET OUR NEW STAFF!



AUSTIN BOUCHER
3rd Grade Teacher



HALEY WATCHORN
3rd Grad Teacher



AGGIE COTTRELL
5th Grade Teacher

PARENT MEETING

Come and learn about the Seven Habits and how Ryan students engage in leadership through Leader in Me! These sessions will take place in the Ryan Library. Please select one session and RSVP using the QR code. Refreshments will be provided.

• **Tuesday, September 15th**
@ 2pm or 5pm



Some of our Ryan Tour Guide leadership team members and past members had the privilege of welcoming our brand-new GL students and their families as they participated in a special orientation designed to welcome new families to the district. Thank you to all the students who participated in the initiative.



Welcome back Gull Lake students and Staff. Have a great school year!



GLCS Foundation grants **support educational needs and enrichment opportunities** identified by teachers, students, and staff. Pictured are only some of the grants we've funded already this year!

We want to **provide more opportunities** like these to help Gull Lake students, teachers, and staff excel - but **we need your help!**

Please consider donating to the GLCS Foundation today.

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Thank you to our custodial staff and maintenance team, who have worked hard to prepare our building for the upcoming school year. Additionally, the exterior of the Ryan building was improved by installing all new glass awnings. Internally, all drinking fountains and water dispensers were replaced with new units, and new carpet was installed in both the Music and Media Center.





Gull Lake Center for the Fine Arts

SAM SNOW Gull Lake Center for the Fine Arts Manager
– ssnow@gullakecs.org

While the GLCFA has been quiet this summer, staff has been hard at work preparing the space for the upcoming school year! We are so eager to see what students will bring to the gallery and stage. In August we were happy to host the Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation for the unveiling of their EAGLE fund donor wall and continue to appreciate all of the support that they provide to this school district. Follow us on social media for upcoming events.

Facebook: Gull Lake Center for the Fine Arts

Instagram: @gulllake.cfa



Gull Lake Community Schools District Notices

NON-DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT: The Board of Education prohibits discrimination on the basis of genetic information in all aspects of employment, including hiring, firing, compensation, job assignments, promotions, layoffs, training, fringe benefits or any other terms, conditions, or privileges of employment. For inquiries regarding non-discrimination policies, please contact Lisa Anderson, Deputy Superintendent at 269.548.3400.

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE OFFICERS: The Deputy Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instructional Technology are the District's Compliance officers and may be reached at 269.548.3400.

HOMELESS LIAISON: The Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instructional Technology is the District's Homeless Liaison and may be reached at 269.548.3400.

ACCESS PROCEDURES: Parents of eligible students who wish to review the student's educational records shall request at the attending building. A review shall be scheduled within a reasonable time not to exceed 30 days.

DISCLOSURE TO THIRD PARTIES: Personally identifiable information from the educational record of the student shall not be released without prior consent of the parent or eligible student. Information may be released to certain individuals or agencies as permitted by law.

Auditions
And tech crew sign ups

Pride
and
PREJUDICE

By Kate Hamill

September 13 and 14
2:30 – 4:30
Drama Room

No experience or preparation required
Contact Mrs. Ouellette for more information or questions
LOuellette@gullakecs.org

SAVE THE DATE!
Monday, October 5, 2026

Annual
ROTARY
Italian Dinner

Lasagna, salad, & garlic bread

TIME: **4-7 PM**

LOCATION: **GULL LAKE HIGH SCHOOL**

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PAC

The GLHS PAC is gearing up for another great season. In the fall, the company will perform an adaptation of Jane Austen's classic *Pride and Prejudice* by Kate Hamill. This is not your great, great, great, great, great, great, great grandmother's *Pride and Prejudice*. The script is imbued with humor and life and will make for an enjoyable theatre experience, and will run November 13-15.

In the spring, the company will perform Stephen Sondheim's beloved musical *Into the Woods*. This fairytale mashup musical may seem like child's play, but its deeper theme resonates with adults as well, as all of the characters deal with consequences, growing up, and life's mysteries. *Into the Woods* will be performed April 30-May 2.

PAC believes in utilizing student artists, organizers, and leaders in all capacities of theatre production: acting, stage management, set, lights, sound, props, costumes, hair/makeup, and media/publicity. Even if you don't want to be on stage, if you love to create, we probably have a place for you!

CONFIDENTIALITY OF EDUCATIONAL RECORDS: The school district has compiled records on all students for use in the provision of appropriate education programs and services. Federal and state legislation provide parents and eligible students (18 years and older) with certain rights regarding the confidentiality of school records.

PARENTAL AND STUDENT RIGHTS: Parents of a student or an eligible student have the right to:

1. Inspect and review the educational records of the student.
2. Request information contained in such records be amended if it is inaccurate, misleading, or violates the privacy or other rights of the student.
3. Request a hearing to challenge the content of the student's record.

STUDENT RECORDS consist of:

- a. Personal and family data
- b. Health and immunization records
- c. Test data, including aptitude, interest, intelligence, and achievement testing
- d. Achievement and attendance records
- e. Anecdotal records
- f. Records of conferences
- g. Copies of correspondence concerning student
- h. Student questionnaires
- i. Other records which may contribute to the understanding of the student
- j. Past school records
- k. Individualized Educational Plans for handicapped children

PROCEDURES RELATING TO RETENTION, DESTRUCTION AND DISCLOSURE OF RECORDS: Records are maintained at the building in which the student is enrolled or last attended. Each record is kept in an individual file open only to those personnel that have a need to know. Information on grades, attendance, and courses completed are kept forever unless transferred to another school district. Portions of a record may be destroyed when it is no longer appropriate to retain them.

SPECIAL EDUCATION AND SECTION 504 NOTIFICATIONS: It is the policy of the District to actively find and provide services to students with disabilities. The District will provide appropriate evaluations, identification and services for full eligible students under Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or current Special Education Laws.

CHILD FIND SYSTEM: The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires all states to have a "comprehensive Child Find system" to assure all children who are in need of early intervention or special education services are located, identified, and referred. Part C of early intervention focuses on children aged birth to three. If you suspect your child has a disability, please contact the District's Special Education Director at 269.548.3400.

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES AND COMPLAINT PROCEDURES: The District does not discriminate on the basis of disability, sex, age, or race with regard to admission, access to services, treatment,

or employment in programs and activities. The District Special Education Supervisor is the coordinator responsible for Section 504, the American Disabilities Act and Special Education. Contact Suzanne Barrett, at 269.548.3400.

The District Policies and Procedures are on file in the Superintendent's Office, as well as on the District web site www.gulllakecs.org where they may be reviewed. You may file a complaint regarding a District policy or procedure by contacting the Superintendent of Gull Lake Community Schools, 10100 East D. Avenue, Richland, MI 49083; telephone contact number is 269.548.3400. You will receive the specific process for the legislation for which you believe is non-compliant.

PEST MANAGEMENT PROGRAM: As part of the Gull Lake Community Schools' Integrated Pest Management Program, pesticides are occasionally used. You have the right to be informed prior to any pesticide application made to the school grounds and buildings. For information on how to be informed of pesticide application dates, contact Mike Yale, Building & Grounds Supervisor at 269.548.3400.

DRUG PREVENTION: In accordance with federal and state law, the Gull Lake Community Schools Board of Education hereby establishes a "Drug-Free School Zone" that extends 1,000 feet from the boundary of any school property. The Board prohibits the use, possession, concealment, delivery, or property within the Drug-Free School Zone or at any district-related event. Furthermore, the superintendent shall take the necessary steps to ensure that an individual, eighteen (18) years of age or older, who knowingly delivers or distributes controlled substances designated and prohibited by Michigan statute with the Drug-Free School Zone to another person is prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

WEAPONS-FREE SCHOOL ZONE: Gull Lake Community Schools is a Weapons-Free School Zone. Violators may face expulsion and/or criminal prosecution.

ANTI-BULLYING/ANTI-HARASSMENT: It is the policy of the District to provide a safe educational environment for all students. Bullying, or harassment of a student at school is strictly prohibited. This policy shall be interpreted and enforced to protect all students and to equally prohibit bullying/harassment with regard to its subject matter or motivating animus. For inquiries or concerns about the Anti-Bullying/Anti-Harassment policies. You may contact the Superintendent of Gull Lake Community Schools at 269.548.3400.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

Parents and all other community members are encouraged to attend school board meetings on a regular basis. Meetings are held on the third Monday of every month at the Thomas M. Ryan Intermediate School Media Center at 7:00 pm, unless otherwise indicated. Upon request to the Superintendent, the District shall make reasonable accommodation for a person with disabilities to be able to participate in the meetings. Official minutes of each school board meeting are available for public inspection at the Superintendent's office, 10100 East D Avenue, Richland, MI 49083, or may be accessed on the school website: www.gulllakecs.org.

MEETING DATES
September 21, 2026
October 19, 2026
November 16, 2026

WELCOME BACK, GLCS! WE HAVE AN EXCITING YEAR AHEAD!

Valued supporters, administrators, and donors gathered for the unveiling of the EAGLE Donor Wall on August 19. The new donor wall is proudly displayed in the Gull Lake Center for the Fine Arts as a symbol of the shared vision and commitment to expanding and enhancing education at GLCS! Visit GLCSF.org to learn how you can be part of EAGLE!

WELCOME, NEW TRUSTEES!

Katie Brophy
Cathy Knauf
K.T. McCann
Tim Wester



The Endowment for the Advancement of Gull Lake Education will provide a lasting legacy of financial support for Gull Lake Community Schools, fostering a future where learning and opportunity thrive for all students.



What EAGLE will support:

- Grants and special programs that impact all students and staff.
- Teacher development and training to improve student outcomes.
- Innovative approaches to education and learning.
- Excellence in education, in partnership with Gull Lake Community School District

Strong public schools build strong communities!



Pictured: Loyal Eldridge, Co-Founder of EAGLE



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- Learn more about the new endowment and donor wall.
- Sign-up for the newsletter.
- Read past annual reports.
- Learn about the grant impact report.
- Gallery of DAS & scholarship recipients.

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