



G R E A T V A L L E Y S C H O O L D I S T R I C T

ANNUAL REPORT

2025-2026

A Message from the Superintendent



Dear Great Valley Community,

We are pleased to present the 2025-26 Annual Report showcasing the many achievements of the Great Valley School District over the past year. This year was marked by significant growth, innovation, and community engagement that strengthened our commitment to providing exceptional educational opportunities for all students. We remain deeply grateful for the continued trust and support of our community as we grow and evolve together, ensuring that every student has the opportunity to thrive in an environment that celebrates diversity, fosters excellence, and prepares them for future success.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Daniel F. Goffredo".

*Daniel F. Goffredo, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools*

District at a Glance



4686

**Students
Enrolled**



407

**Professional
Staff**



\$133,358,544

**2025-26 Annual
Budget**



Our Focus



Academic Growth and Student Development



Culture and Well-being



Communication



Finance and Operations

Academic Growth and Student Development

In the 2025-26 school year, the District continued to focus on digital citizenship with the development of an AI Think Tank comprised of administrators and secondary teachers. The think tank participated in three full-day sessions facilitated by Edvative Learning to explore AI and how it can be used safely and effectively in the classroom. This yearlong effort laid the groundwork for districtwide AI guidelines that will better prepare staff, students, and families for the evolving landscape of AI use.

In addition, the District also focused on core subject areas by establishing Math and English Language Arts (ELA) teams that focused on best practices for instruction. The teams, comprised of 20 staff members across all schools, developed guidance that will serve as an instructional framework for their colleagues.

Communication

The 2025-26 school year marked the launch of the District's new mass communication platform, ParentSquare. This platform allows families to communicate and engage with their schools and teachers through email, text, or app notifications that offer two-way translations. It has fostered stronger, more consistent engagement between home and school.

Other communications goals focused on stronger internal and external channels including the development of a monthly staff newsletter and the Annual Report to the community. The communications team also launched a three-year strategic communications plan to guide long-term planning.



Culture and Well-being

The District's efforts to promote culture and well-being continued this past year with a series of strategic efforts across all staff levels. Administrators participated in a training on the PA Department of Education's CommonGround Framework that emphasized trauma-informed practices.

Principals were also able to lead professional learning in their buildings around discipline and restorative practices, which focuses on repairing harm and rebuilding relationships rather than relying solely on consequences. Looking ahead, the District will continue its work around restorative practices and incorporating them into the discipline policy, while also honoring student accountability.

The 2025-26 school year also marked the third and final year of the Equity Plan. Over those three years, the plan drove meaningful progress across the District, establishing lasting systems of support built around belonging and inclusion for all students and staff. This equity work will continue through the District's Council on Diversity and Inclusion (CDI).

Finance and Operations

The General Fund budget for the 2025-26 school year was \$133,358,544 and included a 3.48% tax increase, below the 2025-26 Act I Index of 4%.

In addition to overseeing the financial health of the District, several operational goals were met this year. This included the implementation of a new Student Information System, Infinite Campus, which serves as the central database for student recordkeeping. This implementation presented an opportunity to review and improve the student registration process, allowing for more consistency and efficiency for both families and staff.

In addition to work surrounding our data systems, the Technology Department facilitated cybersecurity training simulations for staff and students on their school-issued devices, deepening understanding of technology best practices across the District.

Did you know?

Great Valley School District real estate taxes are issued and collected by Keystone Collections Group. The school district tax year runs from July 1 to June 30.

Tax bills are mailed out by July 1st each year to the name and address that the Chester County Assessment Office has on record at the time the bills are printed.

Payment Due Dates are:

- Discount (2%) Period: July 15 – August 31
- Face (no discount) Period: September 1 – October 31
- Penalty (10%) Period: November 1 – December 31

Please go online to [KeystoneCollects.com](https://www.KeystoneCollects.com) to:

- Pay or File Taxes
- Initiate a Live Chat
- Lookup invoices/payment receipt
- Access FAQ's

Commitment to Community Partnerships

Full-Scale Safety Exercise

In May 2026, GVSD partnered with the Chester County Department of Emergency Services (CCDES) to conduct a full-scale active threat exercise at Great Valley High School.

The exercise brought together all GVSD staff and dozens of first responders from across the county, creating a realistic, high-pressure scenario to test multi-agency coordination. These full-scale exercises evaluate both operational procedures and on-the-ground emergency response, ensuring that every layer of the safety plan works as intended when it matters most.

The exercise proved to be an invaluable opportunity, strengthening the partnership between GVSD and local emergency responders while reinforcing the systems and training that help keep students and staff safe.

Be a Part of the Conversation: Parent Speaker Series

In 2025-26, the District continued its partnership with Be a Part of the Conversation to host the Parent Speaker Series. These evening sessions are open to the public and cover topics that matter most to our parents and guardians.

Last year's three sessions explored Have You Had the Conversation? How to Talk with Pre-teens and Adolescents About Substances, Solutions for Anxiety in a Culture of Instant Gratification, and Kids and Tech/Life Balance.

The Desmond Project Celebrates Over 30 Years of Partnership

Great Valley High School is in its 31st year of partnering with the Desmond Hotel in Malvern, giving students a firsthand look at what it takes to run a business, special events, and more.

Offered as a hospitality course at the high school, students in the Desmond Project spend the year learning the ins and outs of the industry, culminating in a fully student-run banquet that serves over 300 members of the community.



Investing in Our Campuses

GVSD Purchases Property at 41 Moores Road

In January 2026, the District purchased the property located at 41 Moores Road, positioned at the intersection of Route 401 and Moores Road, adjacent to our high school campus.

This acquisition of over 20 contiguous acres represents a significant investment in our District's long-term vision. The property's proximity to our secondary campus provides invaluable flexibility to address future needs, including growth in student enrollment and opportunities for program expansion.

Capital Projects

The 2025-26 school year brought several major capital improvements across the District, including a full paving project on the secondary campus that also delivered new tennis courts, along with a roof replacement at General Wayne Elementary. These investments reflect the District's ongoing commitment to maintaining safe, high-quality facilities for students and staff.

5/6 Center Independent Living Skills Lab Opens

In fall 2025, the Great Valley 5/6 Center opened its Independent Living Skills Lab for students. This space allows for students to practice essential life skills such as cooking, cleaning, personal hygiene, and organization, in a hands-on setting that builds confidence and independence. Ichabod, the Great Valley mascot, even visited the students for the grand opening of the lab!





Patriot Pride

Our Students

An impressive **734 GVHS students took Advanced Placement (AP) courses** in 2025-26, the highest number on record for the district.

87 students earned medals in the National Language Exam for placing in the top 20% of participants.

18 members of the class of 2026 were named National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists, which represent the top 1% of scores on the PSAT.

The Marching Patriots took home the 2025 USBands PA State Championship title in group 1, and earned the silver medal at the USBands Open Class National Championship.



Our Staff

GVHS Choir teacher Katie Domizio was named a recipient of the 2026 **Delaware Valley Excellence in Teaching Award**, one of only 20 educators across the region to receive this distinction.

GVMS Special Education Teacher Connor Tabak was recognized as a recipient of the 2026 **Citadel Heart of Learning Award**! Each year, Citadel Credit Union recognizes teachers from across the greater Philadelphia region who go above and beyond for their students.

In October 2025, two of our dedicated bus drivers placed in the **top 10 in the Chester County Safety Competition**! Shelley Musser placed 2nd and Elisa Groff placed 6th out of 133 competitors.

Over **100 staff members** were nominated in the inaugural year of the HEART Award, a districtwide employee recognition program.



Great Valley School Board

The Great Valley School Board members are elected officials who govern by setting policies, approving budgets, and making strategic decisions about education in Great Valley. They serve as the bridge between the community and schools, working together to ensure every student has the opportunity to succeed. For more information on the Great Valley School Board, [please visit our website.](#)

Region 1

Rachel Gallegos, President
Currently elected through 2027

Stacey Kahan
Currently elected through 2029

Andrea Rizzo
Currently elected through 2029

Region 2

Wendy Litzke, Treasurer
Currently elected through 2027

Neha Mehta, Vice President
Currently elected through 2027

Lorie Sollenberger
Currently elected through 2029

Region 3

Tricia Bliven-Chasinoff
Currently elected through 2029

Thomas Richards
Currently elected through 2027

Rebecca Spiess
Currently elected through 2027

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