



August 23, 2024

Dear Parent and Community Members,

On behalf of the School District of Glenwood City TEAM of staff members, we would like to extend an official “**Welcome Back**” as we begin the 2024-2025 school year. **The first day of school for all students will be August 26, 2024.**

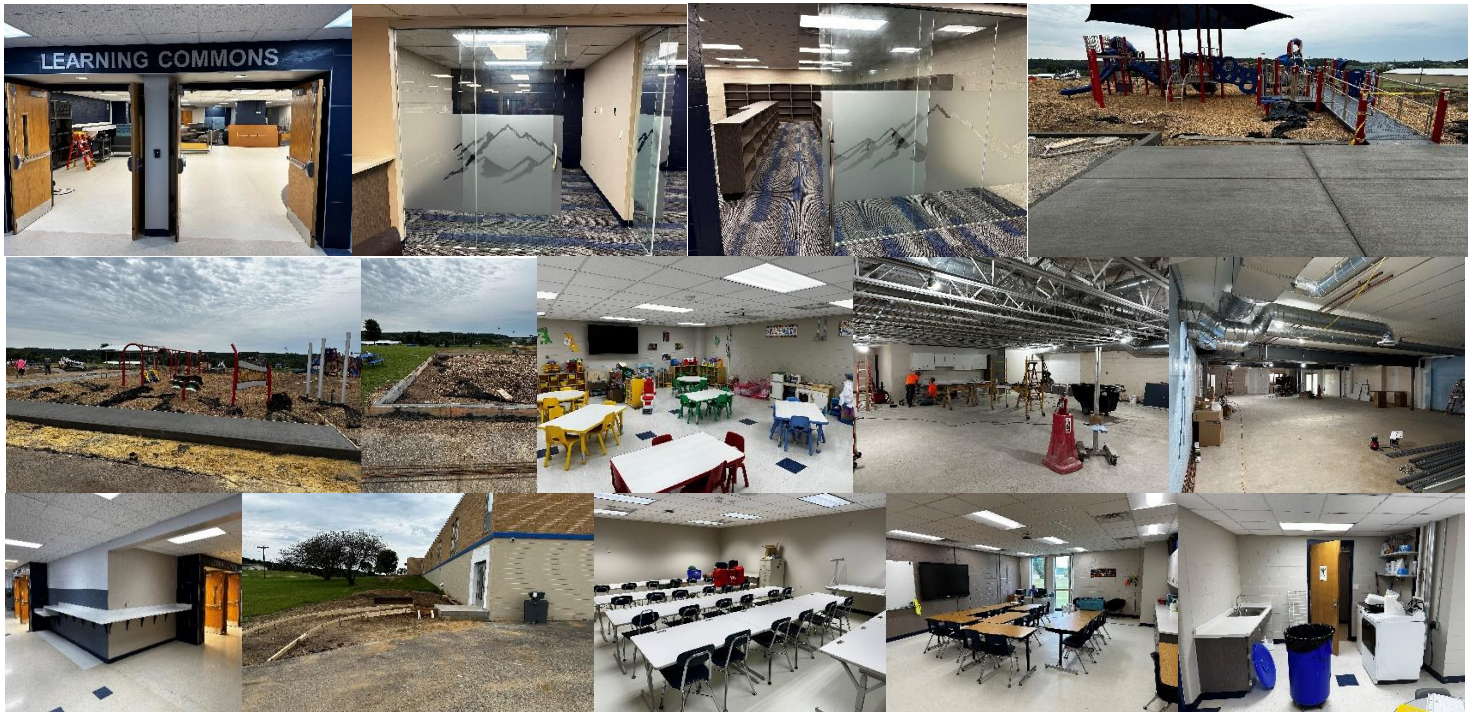
**THANK YOU:** When you see [THESE INDIVIDUALS](#) please say THANK-YOU. The effort, care, and desire to create Hilltopper Pride starts with them as they have done a wonderful job getting our campus/building and programming ready for a GREAT 2024-25 school year!

**Welcome to our NEW Team Members:**

- Allison Brunett-5th Grade Teacher
- Bonnie Konsela-Library Media Consultant
- Carrie Klatt-Board of Education (Replacing Chuckie DeSmith)
- Deb Newman-District Accountant
- Dr. Sue Curtis-Mentor Program Lead
- Erin Davis-Hilltopper Hangtime
- [Jamie Shaffer-Elementary Principal](#)
- Jarrod Kuehn-HS CTE Teacher
- Jayson Oratch-HS Science Teacher
- Jennifer Newgard-Elementary Paraprofessional
- Jill Wright-HS ELA Teacher
- Leah Bartz-Tiny Tots
- Logan Johnson-MS Social Studies Teacher
- Professional Speech Therapist-SLP
- Ryan Tiberg-MS/HS SPED Teacher
- Star Therapy- Physical Therapy
- Tammy Erickson-Health Assistant
- Tasha Ziegler-MS/HS SPED Paraprofessional
- TBD- District Nurse
- TBD-Custodial/Maintenance
- TBD-MS/HS SPED Paraprofessional
- Tori Strong-School Nutrition Manager
- Tracy Marback-Elementary SPED Teacher

**GCSD Transportation Update** – Bus times and more [HERE](#)

## GCSD Building and Grounds



- Want to see **MORE PICTURES** of the new spaces? Click [HERE](#)!
- Hudl Streaming Service and [GCSD YouTube](#) for numerous Hilltopper Activities
- MS/Elementary Gym Closed Until for September
- Completion of new Hangtime Room (9-3-24)
- Installation of new Weight Room flooring (9-3-24)
- New Weight Room Equipment Installation (Week of 9-9-24)
- GCE will be completed by (8-26-24) for student use
- GCHS and GCE Parking Lot cleaning and painting will be when school is in session

**GCSD Legal Update:** The School District of Glenwood City has released the now public forensic audit. Please click [HERE](#) to view District statement and [HERE](#) to view audit.

**GCSD Strategic Plan Description:** The development and implementation of this plan will ensure that the School District of Glenwood City can offer career and college readiness skills that will further our students' academic development and social conscience. Please click [HERE](#) for more details.

## Other GCSD Information

- [GCSD 2024-25 Calendar](#)
- **NEW** - School Start/Time change
  - 7:30am Staff Report
  - 8:00am Start of School
  - 3:20pm Student Dismissal
  - 3:45pm End of Professional Day
- **NEW** - PLD - Professional Learning Day(s)
  - Each month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday there will be no school for students so GCSD staff can take part in quality professional learning in areas such as PLC opportunities,

curriculum development, safety training, technology training, and more. This is also a great opportunity for families to have a 3-day weekend to assist with student absenteeism.

- **NEW** - Student Accident Insurance Process and Procedures
  - GCSD has reestablished this benefit for both student and families. Please see your respective office if a student is injured in anyway to fill out the proper paperwork.
    - [GCSD Student Assurance Services 2024-25](#)
- **NEW** – GCSD Home Games and Other Activities now having streaming options
  - HUDL is installed and we are able to stream. We will also be able to stream events such as softball, baseball, track via a portable unit. The District also plans to stream concerts and other events via the [GCSD YouTube Channel!](#)
- [GCSD Act 55 7-22-24](#)
- [GCSD Elementary Student Handbook 2024-25](#)
- [GCSD MS-HS Student Handbook 2024-25](#)
- [GCSD MS/HS Athletic Handbook 2024-25](#)
- [High School Athletic Event Medical Professional\(s\) Job Opportunity](#)
- [MS/HS Cell Phone Policy](#)
- As we are gearing up for the sports season, just a quick reminder that SENIOR (65+) PASSES are no longer needed. January of 2024, the GCSD Board of Education approved that **ALL** senior citizens get into Glenwood City Home Games (non-tournament) games for **FREE** regardless of residency.

### **Budget/Finance**

- 2022-23 Audit by CLA – CliftonLarsonAllen was just completed and will be on the agenda for approval on Monday, August 26, 2024
- 2023-24 Audit by CLA – CliftonLarsonAllen is currently being addressed
- Much more budget/finance updates can be viewed on the GCSD Board of Education portal called [BoardDocs](#). Each month includes a detailed budget/finance update for GCSD.

### **GCE Traffic-Lower Lot Student Drop Off Map**

- Please click [HERE](#)

### **GCSD Hilltopper Highlights**

- Start of School-Will be sent both electronically and US Postal Service
- Fall-Will be sent only electronically
- Winter-Will be sent only electronically
- Spring/Graduation - Will be sent both electronically and US Postal Service

We are looking forward to a GREAT year! Please reach out if you have any questions, comments, or concerns about your any of these updates!

Respectfully,

Patrick B. Olson  
District Administrator