



Intellex Forensics: The School District of Glenwood City has a fundamental responsibility to be effective stewards of the taxpayers' money. To provide complete transparency, the GCSD Board of Education approved a contract with [Intellex Forensics Advisory Services, Inc.](#) at the March 13, 2024 Board Work Session to conduct a forensic audit. The fee for conducting the forensic review of School District Glenwood City is capped at \$21,000. This process started last week and will continue for roughly six weeks. Final findings will be presented at a GCSD Board of Education Work Session in open session once the process is completed.

GCE Elementary Interim Principal: Ms. Haltinner, GCE Elementary Principal, will be on medical leave until April 15, 2024 as of today. We wish Ms. Haltinner all the best and a speedy recovery. After working with the GCSD Board of Education, Dr. Sue Curtis will be joining our Team assist in Ms. Haltinner's absence. Dr. Curtis is a former learning disabilities teacher and Director of Student Services for the School District of New Richmond and retired in 2012. Dr. Curtis earned her doctoral degree in organizational leadership and policy development. She has spent the last seven years coaching school leadership teams for a federal DPI grant and also as a consultant to many area school districts as a reading specialist, curriculum development, Title 1 services, and student services consultant. Dr. Curtis will serve as the Glenwood City Elementary School Interim Principal for Ms. Haltinner who will be out on medical leave. Dr. Curtis will be joining our team for the following dates to start: Thursday, March 21, 2024 through April 15, 2024.



GCSD Student Worker Hiring Process

- Recommended to hire 6 custodial student workers for inside District building due to construction
- Recommended to hire 1 outside student worker for District
- Recommended to hire 1 IT student worker to assist with lab set up and other IT projects

District Fundraising Opportunities for Teams/Groups

- Teardown of GCMS/GCE bleachers.
- Teardown of GCE playground wood structure.
- Unload new weight room equipment and assist with scrapping existing weight room equipment.
- Please contact Mr. Olson if your group may be interested in one of these opportunities which the District will pay your student group for this work.



Terrence Talley: April 15, 2024: [Terrence Talley](#) has traveled across the country spreading the message of hope and resilience speaking to students and adults alike for the past five years. He's been featured on the Morning Blend, authored a #1 book on Amazon in it's category and won a dance contest in the Dominican Republic along with many other rewards, he has fast become one of the most sought after school assembly speakers in the country by using unforgettable stories, comedy and off the cuff remarks. He will have the whole crowd laughing one minute and then seamlessly having everyone in tears for the heart, realness and commonality that has been shown. Growing up in the Twin Cities of MN Terrence uses his relationship with his parents growing up, heartbreaking moments that were endured and the joy of being a father to convey a message you won't soon forget. He's a comic book/movie nerd, husband to wife Courtney, father to Gracie and Cece, and author of the book Secrets Anonymous, Terrence is a communicator that you won't just remember what he said but also, how he made you feel.



Presentation #1 – Grades 9-10-11-12

- Glenwood City Elementary Gym
- Start Time 10:00am
- Finish Time 11:00am

Presentation #2 – Grades 6-7-8

- Glenwood City Elementary Gym
- Start Time 11:15am
- Finish Time 12:15pm

Presentation #2 – Grades 1-2-3-4-5

- Glenwood City Elementary Gym
- Start Time 2:15pm
- Finish Time 3:00pm

School Nutrition Coordinator: Thank you Ms. Crosby for all you have done for GCSD. We wish you nothing but the best in this next chapter of your life!



GLENWOOD CITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT



WELCOME TO OUR TEAM



Victoria (Tori) Strong

Tori will officially be joining us from in August of 2024 as our School Nutrition Coordinator. Tori joins our team with experience from Kwik Trip Food Program and Land-O-Lakes, Tori will be shadowing Sherry Crosby this spring to assist in the transition.

GCE Playground: On 2-26-24 the GCSD Board of Education approved moving forward with the Community Education construction project for this coming summer which includes our weight room and our wrap around program. In working with DPI, certain items are not allowed to be completed using Fund 80 monies. We will be actively pursuing spending funds from Fund 80 to update the GCE Playground. This is a space our students use daily, during summer school, during weekends and much more. It also fits into the parameters of Fund 80 and the restrictions these monies need to follow. I know PTC, Ms. Davis-Hilltopper Hangtime and Ms. Haltinner have been discussing this topic for many years. Below are various renditions from [Minnesota-Wisconsin Playground](#) as a starting point. The renditions will be finalized here in April and then asked to be approved the April 22, 2024 Board of Education meeting. The plan will be to have this project completed by the start of the 2024-25 school year.



2024-25 AnnMarie Foundation Educational Grants Approved for GCSD: Congratulations to the following GCSD Educators for applying and receiving AnnMarie grants. The AnnMarie Foundation is an independent philanthropic organization committed to enhancing the quality of life in the Wisconsin communities it serves. The foundation provides monetary awards to schools and non-profit organizations to promote educational, humanitarian, cultural, and recreational activities. The foundation also provides scholarships to high school graduates.

- Lara Draxler (Reading & Math Interventionist) who received a \$226 grant. These funds will assist Ms. Draxler with grades 4-12 reading intervention manuals from Anita Archer.
- Amanda Larson (Occupational Therapist) who received a \$1,000 grant. These funds will assist Ms. Larson with everyday functional fine motor accessory tools and games.
- Holly Olson (K-12 Physical Education Educator) who received a \$2,893 grant. These funds will assist Ms. Olson with incorporating IHT Zone Wrist Heart Rate Monitors, Zone Charging and Storage Case, and Spirit Classroom Reader into her Physical Education curriculum.
- Kristen Konder (Agricultural Education Educator) who received a \$2,430 grant. These funds will assist Ms. Konder in woods shop/technical education by purchasing a Baleigh Industrial Oscillating Spindle Sander.
- Matt Lamb (K-12 Music Educator) who received a \$2,450 grant. These funds will assist our GCSD music education to assist with teaching piano to 260 children.
- Colette Murphy (Speech-Language Pathologist) who received a \$725 grant. These funds will assist the GCSD Speech/Language department with an expanding expression tool kit and preschool language scale.

Tiny Tots and ARC: Thank you to Ms. Beth Davis, Child-Care Coordinator, for her hard work, dedication, and passion to provide this opportunity for both GCSD and the greater Glenwood City community. Childcare is an increasing need in both our area and in the state. Thank you to the work of Ms. Davis, Ms. Spaeth, and the Tiny Tots staff for providing care for 21 children to date.



GLENWOOD CITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT



GLENWOOD CITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT



WELCOME TO OUR TEAM



Mrs. Mary Pat Weeks

Ms. Mary Pat Weeks is a Glenwood City graduate herself, along with her husband and three children. She comes to us with a degree in Child Development along with management experience. She will be a part of our Tiny Tots group which is located at Glenhaven!

WELCOME TO OUR TEAM



Mrs. Karen Peterson

Another familiar face! Ms. Peterson has been with GCSD since 2008. She has primarily been in our ARC Classroom along with transportation for some of our students. She is going to be joining the Tiny Tots team, full-time, at Glenhaven.

GLENWOOD CITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT



GLENWOOD CITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT



WELCOME TO OUR TEAM



Mrs. Tiffany Fox

Ms. Tiffany Fox has been part-time with our Title Team and Hilltopper Hangtime/Tiny Toppers program since 2019. She will be joining us full-time! Ms. Fox will remain in the Title Program through the remainder of the school year and focus on our Hilltopper Hangtime/Tiny Toppers starting this summer.

WELCOME TO OUR TEAM



Mrs. Christa Sargent

Ms. Sargent will be joining our staff in our Tiny Tots program which is located at Glenhaven. She comes to us with lead teacher experience at Little Acorns and along with working with Bear Buddies Development Center.

GLENWOOD CITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT



GLENWOOD CITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT



WELCOME TO OUR TEAM



Mrs. Amy McNamara

Ms. Amy McNamara recently joined GCSD this past fall and has worked in our Pre-K Room. She will be moving to our Hilltopper Hangtime/Tiny Toppers program full-time!

WELCOME TO OUR TEAM



Mr. Michael Garrison

Some of you might recognize Mr. Garrison. He joined GCSD Coaching staff with the boys basketball program this past season. He has camp counselor experience, coaching, and a desire to continue to pursue a degree in education. He will be taking Ms. Peterson's role in the ARC Classroom as a Paraprofessional.

WELCOME TO OUR TEAM



Ms. Susan Anderson

Ms. Susan Anderson will be filling our Pre-K Paraprofessional position that was held by Ms. Amy McNamara starting April 1st. Ms. Anderson owned and operated her in-home daycare while residing in MN, as well as other daycare experiences.

WELCOME TO OUR TEAM



Ms. Grace Hellman

Ms. Grace Hellman started with GCSD in 2021. She first joined us as a substitute teacher but eventually moved into a full-time role with our Hilltopper Hangtime/Tiny Topper program. She will be moving over to the Tiny Tots program located at Glenhaven.

Streaming and Hudl: The GCSD Board of Education approved the purchase of Hudl starting spring of 2024. Previously, GCHS football, volleyball, boys' and girls' basketball all purchased Hudl due to it being a Dunn/St. Croix Conference rule for video exchange and stats requirements. In most cases, these funds were paid for by either the individual sport budget or their respective booster clubs for a total of \$5,346. In addition, some sports either paid a statistician or used Hudl Assist for another fee ranging up to \$1,000 each. **GCSD is the last District in the Dunn/St. Croix Conference to stream live events.** After extensive research, HUDL and a GCSD You-Tube Channel is our best option. Per this Hudl agreement, any team, activity, or sport can have a Hudl Account. With this agreement a Hudl camera will be placed in GCHS Gym and also at the GCSD Stadium Press Box. For all other sports, Mr. Score (AD) and Mr. Kohler (IT) will work to secure an I-Pad to use for recording purposes. You will then be able to upload directly to your Hudl account if WI-FI is available at the time of the event or later when WI-FI is available.

GCSD Hudl Subscriptions will include the following:

- Performing Arts
- Graduation, Veteran's Day, Community Presentations
- Wrestling
- Track & Field
- Cross Country
- Football
- Basketball (Men's)
- Basketball (Women's)
- Volleyball
- Baseball
- Softball

GCE Elementary Principal Interview Process Timeline

- Posting of Job: March 1, 2024
- Closing Date: March 24, 2024 – (19 Applicants)
- GCSD Staff Listening Session: March 20, 2024
- Pre-Selection Rubric Meeting April 1, 2024
- Pre-Selection Rubric due April 5, 2024
- Selection Meeting with Administration April 8, 2024
- First Round of Interviews: April 16, 2024
- Second Round of Interviews: April 18, 2024
- Recommendation to the Board of Education for hire: April 22, 2024
- Start Date: July 1, 2024

GCSD 15+ Passenger Van Replacement: The School District of Glenwood City is replacing two of its vehicles based on the following; Under federal law, a school is prohibited from purchasing or leasing a new passenger van that is designed to seat 10 to 15 passengers if it will be used significantly by or on behalf of the school to transport students unless it has the required safety features. Likewise, a dealer is prohibited from selling or leasing such a van to a school district. Federal law does not govern the sale or lease of used vehicles and does not regulate the use of the vehicle after its purchase. That enforcement is dependent on state law. All Wisconsin school districts should be made aware that purchasing new 15 passenger vans (i.e., a van designed to seat 10-15 passengers) is in violation of federal law and those vans cannot be used for the transportation of students unless those vans meet all the required safety equipment requirements for a school bus. Click [HERE](#) to view full report. The current 2023-24 GCSD Budget includes \$35,000 for vehicle replacement needs. As soon as this information was discovered the GCSD ceased using these two vans as of February 8, 2024.

School District of Glenwood City Van Summary:

- Traded to Prestige Auto - 2017 White Chevy Express 3500 15 passenger van with 50k miles.
- Traded to Prestige Auto - 2018 White Chevy Express 3500 15 passenger van with 60k miles.
- Sold - 2001 Green Ford Econoline Handicapped Van that has not been used since December of 2017
- Purchased – Blue 8 passenger 2024 Kia Carnival
- Purchased – Black 8 passenger 2024 Kia Carnival



Life is about maximizing the good and managing the not so good. As a **DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY**, we will work together for the good to outweigh the not so good. Adversity is part of the human experience. **WE WILL HOLD THE ROPE**, enjoy the good runs, stop and learn from the others. Don't forget...together we will make a **DIFFERENCE!**



Respectfully,

Patrick B. Olson
District Administrator

