

Friday - Red Fish Blue Fish - Wear Red and Blue

**Reading Contest** 

#### Visit from Cat in the Hat

All School Read with magnifying glass or scratch and sniff bookmarks AND Cupcakes! Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!

March 7 - Bingo for Books

### MARCH 2024 SPRING E-NEWSLETTER WWW.GCSD.K12.WI.US

## "I was raised to show respect.

I was taught to knock before I open a door. Say hello when I enter a room. Say please and thank you, and to have respect for my elders. I'd let another person have my seat if they need it. Say 'yes sir' and 'no sir', and help others when they need me to, Hold the door for the person behind me, say 'excuse me' when it's needed and to love people for who they are and not for what I can get from them and most importantly, I was also raised to treat people exactly how I would like to be treated by others.

It's called respect."

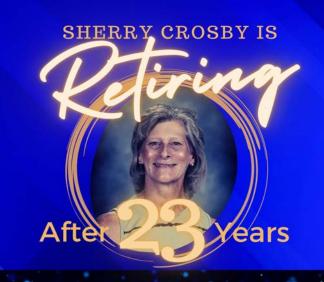
Hilltopper Hangtime, Tiny Toppers & Tiny Tots · Follow

TINY TOTS grand opening is Wednesday, March 13th!! If you would like to stop in and take a look around, we will be there next week Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (March 6-8) from 4:00pm-6:00pm.











THANK YOU TO MS. CUTURIA FOR HER 28 YEARS OF HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO THE GLENWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT. CINDY WAS HIRED IN THE FALL OF 1996.



THANK YOU TO MS. CROSBY FOR HER 23 YEARS OF HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO THE GLENWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT. SHERRY WAS HIRED IN THE SPRING OF 2002 AND IN 2005 TOOK OVER AS FOOD SERVICE MANAGER.

#### WE WISH CINDY NOTHING BUT THE BEST IN HER RETIREMENT!

**BETSY HALTINNER IS** 

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EXPECTATIONS

WE WISH SHERRY NOTHING BUT THE BEST IN HER RETIREMENT!



Mr. Mielzarek has recently been appointed to the Glenwood City School Board and will fill the seat until the April 2025 election. He joins us with 21.5 years of service to our country. Tony is an employee of Xcel Energy and has been for 17 years. We welcome Tony and thank him for his service!

After 23 Years

filltoppers

BETSY HALTINNER HAS BEEN WITH THE GLENWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR 23 YEARS. SHE JOINED OUR STAFF IN 2001 AFTER BEING A SCHOOL COUNSELOR AT CHIPPEWA FALLS. HIGH SCHOOL. BEFORE SHE WAS APPOINTED GCE'S PRINCIPAL IN 2013. BETSY SERVED AS GCSD'S CHARTER SCHOOL INSTRUCTOR, INSTRUCTIONAL COACH, ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION COORDINATOR, AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNSELOR.

WE WISH MS. HALTINNER ALL THE BEST IN HER RETIREMENT!



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You've probably seen her around CCSD before. She's been our assistant softball coach for the past few years and for the 2024 season she will be stepping into the head coach role. Ms. Marback also has been a substitute teacher with GCSD for the past couple of months. As of last night's board neeting, she will be a long-term substitute teacher until the end of the school year for Ms. Wronski as a Special Education Teacher in 4th and 5th Grade.



### School District of Glenwood City

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March 4, 2024

Dear Students, Staff, Parents, and Community Members,

The School District of Glenwood City's Team of staff members continue to build toward a viable strategic planning process of using available knowledge to create one forward-focused vision. Since July of 2023, we have been learning and documenting our entities intended direction. We continue to prioritize efforts, effectively allocate resources, align shareholders and team members on the District's goals and ensure our process is backed by data and sound reasoning. This process has not evolved to our initial timeline but the information contained in this spring newsletter will outline the many steps taken to this point. The School District of Glenwood City's strategic plan will be built on the foundation of our core purpose: *Every Student, Every Day*. This is further supported by our Core Values of excellence, respect, integrity, learning, passion, diversity, and collaboration. The development and implementation of this plan will ensure that the School District of Glenwood City can offer college and career readiness skills that will further our students' academic development and social conscience. The School District of Glenwood City's strategic plan process is a constant work in progress. Many items are being addressed and worked on behind the scenes to create a solid foundation. As a student, as a staff member, as a parent, as a community member, your time will come to give input, make suggestions, and assist in this process.

Enrollment Stats – As o	<mark>of January of 2024</mark>

Glenwood City Elementary									
Grade $3K$ $4K$ $5K$ $1^{st}$ $2^{nd}$ $3^{rd}$ $4^{th}$ $5^{th}$ GCE Tota								GCE Total	
Total Students	4	51	39	37	56	38	43	48	316
Open Enrolled In	0	6	7	3	6	2	6	6	36
Open Enrolled Out	0	6	8	8	10	10	11	10	63

Glenwood City Middle School						
Grade	6th	7th	8th	GCMS Total		
Total Students	48	49	37	134		
Open Enrolled In	2	5	3	10		
Open Enrolled Out	3	5	12	20		

Glenwood City High School								
Grade 9th 10th 11th 12th GCHS Tota								
Total Students	53	47	50	45	195			
Open Enrolled In	2	3	7	4	16			
Open Enrolled Out	5	10	10	11	36			

3K-12 School District of Glenwood City							
Grade	GCE	GCMS	GCHS	GCSD Total			
Total Students	316	134	195	645			
Open Enrolled In	36	10	16	62			
Open Enrolled Out	63	20	36	119			

<u>GCSD Culture</u>: According to Fullan (2007), school culture can be defined as the guiding beliefs and values evident in the way a school operates. School culture can be used to encompass all the attitudes, expected behaviors, and values that impact how the school operates on a daily basis. <u>District Goal #1</u>: Every Student, Every Day – GCSD will continue to build a District culture committed to high expectations, clear communication, and building positive relationships. The behaviors, beliefs, values, and symbols that are accepted, generally without thinking about them and that are passed along by communication and imitation from one to another. WE ARE CHANGING A CULTURE OF HOW OUR STUDENTS TREAT ONE ANOTHER AND OUR DESIRE TO IMPROVE WITH PURPOSE, DRIVE, AND PASSION!

**Trust is Earned, Integrity is Required, Transparency is KEY:** The School District of Glenwood City continues our active investigation regarding its former superintendent and is cooperating with all outside investigating authorities. The District is not able to comment further on this matter at the current time. However, we would like to assure the Glenwood City community that we are taking these issues seriously. We appreciate the community's understanding and support. When and if we are able to share more information, we will do so. The School District of Glenwood City's **TOP PRIORITY** is ensuring that we provide the highest quality learning environment for our students and that we hold ourselves to the utmost moral and ethical standards regarding the District's internal operations. The School District of Glenwood City's **TEAM** of Staff will continue to focus on the educational process for **EVERY STUDENT, EVERY DAY** and we appreciate your support and patience as we work through this current situation.

As always, I would encourage you to come to GCSD Board meetings to hear firsthand the discussions that are taking place. As you may have seen, very <u>few</u> items on the public agenda <u>don't</u> have a corresponding memo or article of evidence. These attachments are all in the public portion of <u>Board Docs</u> and can be viewed at any time. In addition, these are done in PDF format so they will always be available and not associated with a google doc or link. In addition, please note, we do not like to have closed sessions and only have it when absolutely necessary. With that said, recent investigations have warranted these types of discussions based on state law and working with numerous outside agencies. True transparency is a key to any District's success. Thank you for all your patience as we work through these current situations and we will continue to earn your trust with true integrity and transparency. As a **TEAM**, we will work to build the best learning environment for our students as possible.

### School District of Glenwood City 2023-24 Budget Summary

- WOLD and Market & Johnson Timeline
  - o GCSD Board Approval 2-26-24
  - o WOLD and Market & Johnson 3-11 through 3-15 drawings due
  - o Bid April 1st, 2024
  - Work to be completed Summer of 2024
- DPI Fund 80 Information

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	0	GCSD Fund 80	\$2,700,000 (Fund Balance)
٠	GCSE	Fund 80 Community Education Renovations	
	0	Construction and Professional Services	\$715,155
	0	Contingency	\$43,101
	0	Fees, Testing, Printing	\$116,702
	0	Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	\$20,000
		Total	\$894,958
•	GCE I	Playground Equipment Project	
	0	PTC Fundraising	\$10,000
	0	Playground Grant	\$20,000
	0	Fund 80	\$120,000
		Total	\$150,000
٠	DPI F	und 46 Capital Projects Information	
	0	GCSD Fund 46	\$860,000 (Fund Balance)
	0	GCSD 2023-24 Fund 10 transfer to Fund 46	\$150,000

٠	DPI F	and 10 Information	
	0	GCSD 2023-24 District Capitol Budget	\$538,000
	0	GCSD 2023-24 Unclaimed ESSER III Funds	\$148,613
•	GCSD	Fund 10 Misc. Interior/Exterior Renovations	
	0	Construction and Professional Services	\$1,115,757
	0	Contingency	\$67,244
	0	Fees, Testing, Printing	\$173,670
	0	Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	\$20,000
		Total	\$1,376,671

Wold Architects and Engineers Facility Assessment and Long-Range Planning: We are working with Wold Architects and Engineers on a facility assessment and long-range planning process utilizing objective data-collection. This includes student capacity analysis, safety and security analysis, and current use of facility by community and other organizations. As part of the educational adequacy process, we will identify where the facility is not supporting the programmatic requirements for our educational focus and develop priorities approaching the improvements.

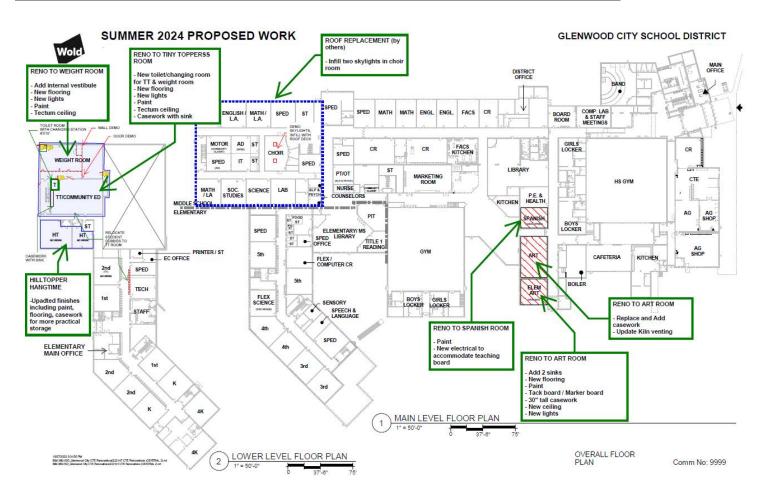
	GCSD 2023-24 Facility Advisory Team								
Beth Davis Betsy Haltinner Christa Edin Erin Spaeth Frank Kohler Valerie Peters									
Tiny Toppers	GCE	Food Service	Pupil Services	IT	WOLD				
Marcy Burch	Ron Johnson	Ryan McVeigh	Katie Chambers	Sally Standaert	Patrick Olson				
GCMS/HS	Finance	Building/Grounds	WOLD	Board Member	Superintendent				

**GCSD 2023-24 Required Maintenance Needs and Repairs:** Click <u>HERE</u> to view the GCSD Board of Education Facility Summary (July 1, 2023 to February 26, 2024).

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•	4 Inch Clay Pipe Fix	\$38,000
•	HS Bleacher Inspection/Repair	\$15,695
•	MS Bleacher Inspection/Repair	\$9,798
•	Cement Work	\$4,936
•	Roof leak #1	\$775
•	Roof leak #2	\$1,989
•	Roof leak #3	\$1,025
•	Dumpster #1	\$1,317
•	Dumpster #2	\$550
•	Boiler Repair	\$54,650
•	NAMI Roof top unit repairs	\$24,180
•	Ceiling Tiles replacement	\$547
•	Hydronic System Maintenance	\$4,027
•	GCHS Art Window	\$10,000
•	Winch electrical wiring in GCHS	\$1,950
•	GCE Ceiling Fan replacement	\$3,350
•	FACS Room Faucet Hookup	\$5,759.86
٠	Cafeteria Moisture Mitigation	\$15,120
•	Wold: Facility Assessment	\$8,260
•	Wold: Long-Range Planning Fee	\$0 (Negotiated)
٠	District Drains Pumped/Cleaned	\$250
•	Dumpster #3	\$550
٠	Roof leak #4 (D)	\$3,014
٠	Roof leak #5	\$775
•	Roof leak #6 (G)	\$775
•	Replace Section G of Roof	\$49,440
•	Welding Shop Drain	\$500
•	Roof leak #7 (A and C)	\$900
٠	Control Performance Test	\$1,000

•	9-27-23 Smoke Event	TBD
•	Dumpster #4	\$550
•	PIT Area Lighting	\$1,000
•	Roof leak #8	\$750
•	Dumpster #5	\$550
•	Black dirt for FB Field	\$384
•	Room 114 piping replacement	\$7,879
•	GCHS Winch Replacement	\$11,250
•	Dumpster #6	\$550
•	RPZ – Testing	\$501
•	Building Automation System Fix	\$36,067
•	Roof leak #9 (B Art/Kiln Room)	\$874
•	Roof leak #10	\$720
•	Total	\$320,270+

### GCSD Community Education and Misccellaneous Interior Renovations-Summer of 2024



#### GCSD Summer of 2024 - Fund 10 Miscellaneous Interior/Exterior Renovations

- Special Education Interior/Exterior Updates
- Relocation of Elementary Art Room
- MS/HS Art Room Updates
- GCE/MS Gym Area Updates
- GCE/MS Gym Reorientation/Bleacher Updates
- GCMS/HS Library/Commons Expansion
- Spanish Room Updates
- Receiving Area Updates
- Custodial Area Updates
- Relocation of Wrestling Room to GCE/MS Mezzanine

Spaces include: Art, Elem. Art, Weight i	Room,
MS Gym, Library, Spanish, Receiving, V	Wrestling
Mezzanine, Official's Room, Spec. Ed.,	Com. Ed

Preliminary Drawings from Wold

	MS Gym, Library, Spanish, Receiving, Wrestling					
	Mezzanine, Official's Room, Spec. Ed	., Com. Ed				
				16,030		
Description			Projected Costs	Cost/SF	Comments	
Breakdown			Projected Costs	0000001	Commente	
Dreakdown						
02 41 19	Selective Demolition		52,199	3.26	Masonry walls, ceilings, flooring, casework, doors	
03 30 00	Cast In Place Concrete		3.018		Slab patches for underground plumbing	
04 20 00	Unit Masonry		24,800		Patches for door infills, wall removal, etc.	
05 12 01	Structural Steel Framing - Install		12,995		Railing, roof frames, skylight infills	
05 12 02	Structural Steel Framing - Furnish		12,115		Railings, roof frames, lintels	
06 10 00	Rough Carpentry (Building Works)		52,195		Install of casework, doors, hardware, Div. 10-12	
07 50 00	Membrane Roofing		19,000		For skylight infills, HVAC curbs	
07 92 00	Joint Sealants		1,500		Countertops, masonry controls joints, door frames	
08 10 00	Doors and Frames (Doors, Frames &	Hardware)	87,350		27 total new doors, frames, hardware	
08 50 00	Windows		28,000		For Elm. Art and glazing door lites	
09 21 16	Gypsum Board Assemblies		16,500		Budget for soffits, furring, patches	
09 30 00	Tiling		3,500		At MS gym doors	
09 50 00	Cellings (Acoustical Cellings and Acou	ustical Treatme		1.18	For Art, Elm. Art, patches at library	
09 60 00	Flooring (Resilient and Carpeting)	and a second	93,275		Art, Elementary Art, Spanish, Library	
09 90 00	Painting and Coating (Painting and W	all Finishes)	29,880		Art, Elm. Art, Spanish, Receiving, epoxy paint in MS gym	
10 11 00	Visual Display Units	an r moneoy	7,500	0.47	Art and Elem. Art	
10 21 13	Tollet Compartments		0	0.00		
10 28 00	Tollet, Bath, and Laundry Accessories		0	0.00		
10 44 00	Fire Protection Specialties		400		Fire extinguishers	
11 66 00	Athletic Equipment		25,000		Moving backstops in MS gym and related structural work	
12 20 00	Window Treatments		1,750		For Elm. Art window	
12 30 00	Casework		52.248		Art and Elem. Art. Incudes display cabinets in hallway	
12 66 00	Bleachers		120.000		Budget for 800 capacity - MS gym	
22 00 00	Plumbing		41,800		Sinks in Art, Elem Art, underground plumbing, receiving	
23 00 00	Heating, Ventilating, and Air Condition	Ing (HVAC)	37,000		Moving diffusers for new ceilings. Exhaust for 2nd kin	
26 00 00	Electrical	ing (nv/ss)	85,000		New lighting on mezzanine, Art, Elem. Art, Spanish	
27 00 00	Communications (Voice, Data, A/V, P	palag etc. )	25,000	3.50	For P.A. System upgrades in MS gym	
31 00 00	Earthwork	aying, eu)	12,500	0.78	Excavate and backfil stoop and sidewalk at Spec. Ed. Door	
	Site Concrete		4,379		Stoop and sidewalk outside Spec. Ed. Door	
	Performance Bond		6.271	0.27		
Contractors			8,371	0.59		
Building Per			500	0.02		
	Inspections		2,500	0.05		
	nditions / General Requirements		110,716		Superintendent, truck, trailer, cleaning, dumpsters, temp. protection	
General Co	nduons / General Requirements		110,710	0.91		
Wilster Con	dilaas / Temp Building Heat			0.00	bucking, fuel, consumables, final cleaning Summer work	
	ditions / Temp Building Heat Utility Consumption		0		Assumet to use owner's electricity and water	
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Subtotal			996,212	62.15		
Contingencies						
Escalation		2.00%	19,924		Between now and final CDs	
	Contingency	10.00%	99,621		Scope Increase allowance through final CDs	
	n Contingency	6.75%	67,244		For unforseen conditions and const. changes	
Contingend			186,789			
Subtotal with C	Contingencies		1,183,001	73.80		
	Management Fees					
Preconstruc	tion Services	1.00%	11,830			
Construction	n Management Services	4.50%	53,235			
	on Management Subtotal		65,065			
Total Construc			1,248,066	77.86		
Professional S						
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Spaces Include: Art, Elem. Art, Weight Room, MS Gym, Library, Spanish, Receiving, Wrestling Mezzanine, Official's Room, Spec. Ed., Com. Ed

Preliminary Drawings from Wold

	16,030					
Description			Projected Costs	Cost/SF	Comments	
Design Fee		7.50%	93,605		Wold - assumed fee at this time.	
Printing, Rev	lew Fees, & Reimbursement		2,500			
Geotechnica	i Engineering		0			
Professiona	I Services Subtotal		96,105			
TOTAL CONSTR	RUCTION & DESIGN		1,344,171	83.85		
Owner Items						
Furnishings,	Fixtures, & Equipment (FF&E)		20,000			
Asbestos su	rvey		2,500		Estimate	
Asbestos ab	atement if needed		10,000		Rough budget	
Owner Direct contracts			264,540		C&A Roofing	
Owner Contingency						
Subtotal of Owner Items			297,040			
PROJECT TOTAL			1,641,211	102.38		

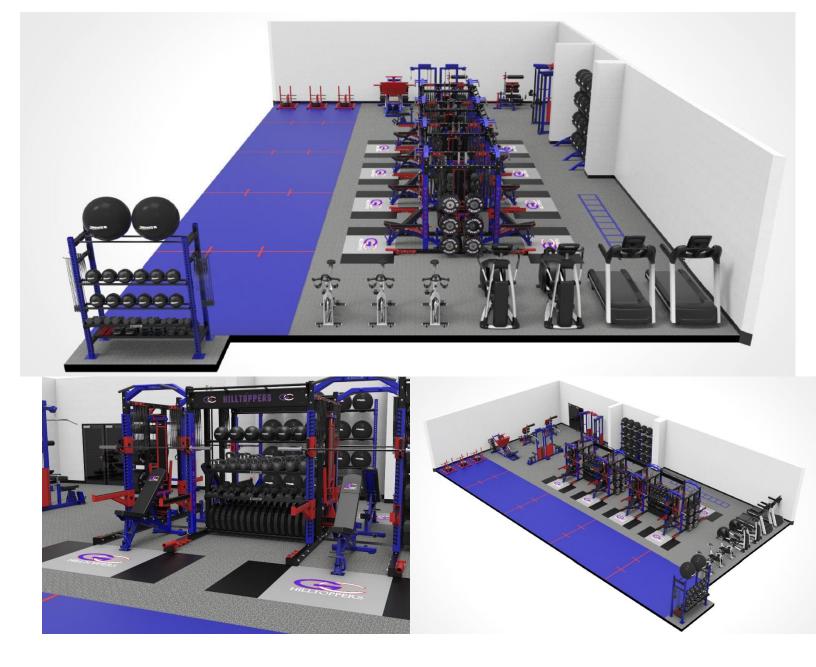
### GCSD Summer of 2024 - Fund 80 Community Education Renovations

- Update old wrestling room for Tiny Toppers and Hilltopper Hangtime expansion
- Weight room relocation and expansion (ADA Compliant)
- New weight training and cardio equipment
- Changing room (Toilet, Dress, Shower) in lower level by new weight room

	Spaces include: Weight Room,		Preliminary Drawing	s from Wold	
	Community Ed., Officials Room				
				6.400	
_				0,400	
Description			Projected Costs	Cost/SF	Comments
Breakdown			The period costs	005201	Connents
breakdown					
02 41 19	Selective Demolition		56.901	8.89	Masonry walls, ceilings, flooring, casework, doors,
03 30 00			22,900		Footings for new beam line, slab patches
04 20 00	Unit Masonry		30,200		Patches at removed walls, door infills, misc. patching
05 12 01	Structural Steel Framing - Install		16,025	2.50	Columns, keams, roof frames
05 12 02	Structural Steel Framing - Furnish		32,804	5.13	Columns, keams, roof frames, lintels
06 10 00	Rough Carpentry (Building Works)				Install of doors, hardware, Div. 10-12
07 50 00	Membrane Roofing		5,000	0.78	patches for HVAC curbs
07 92 00	Joint Sealants		1,500		Countertops, masonry controls joints, door frames
08 10 00	Doors and Frames (Doors, Frames & F	lardware)	18,250	2.85	6 total new doors and frames
08 50 00	Windows		2,000		For glazing door lites
09 21 16	Gypsum Board Assemblies		8,500	1.33	Budget for soffits, walls for Official's room
09 30 00	Tiling		10,500		At officials bathroom and shower
09 50 00	Ceilings (Acoustical Ceilings and Acoust	stical Treatme	7,600		For official's room and Community Ed
09 60 00	Flooring (Resilient and Carpeting)		42,700		Weight room, Com. Ed
09 90 00	Painting and Coating (Painting and Wa	II Finishes)	13,200	2.06	Weight room, Community Ed., Officials room
10 11 00	Visual Display Units		0	0.00	
10 21 13	Toilet Compartments		4,500	0.70	For Official's room
10 28 00	Toilet, Bath, and Laundry Accessories		2,900	0.45	For Official's room
10 44 00	Fire Protection Specialties		400	0.06	Fire extinguishers
11 66 00	Athletic Equipment		98,910	15.45	Weight room equipment
12 20 00	Window Treatments		0	0.00	
12 30 00	Casework		0	0.00	
12 66 00	Bleachers		0	0.00	
22 00 00	Plumbing		33,000	5.16	Weight Room, Official's kathroom/shower
23 00 00	Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioni	ng (HVAC)	41,000	6.41	Re-work duct work, diffusers, and VAVs in Weight room, Com. Ed
26 00 00	Electrical		86,000	13.44	New lighting, power, etc. in Weight room, officials, Com. Ed
27 00 00	Communications (Voice, Data, A/V, Pa	ging, etc)	0	0.00	None known at this time
31 00 00	Earthwork		0	0.00	
32 16 00	Site Concrete		0	0.00	
Payment & F	Performance Bond		4,855	0.76	
Contractors	Insurance		5,012	0.78	
Building Per	mits		500	0.08	
Testing and	Inspections		5,000	0.78	
General Cor	nditions / General Requirements		73,854	11.54	Superintendent, truck, trailer, cleaning, dumpsters, temp. protecti
	-				bucking, fuel, consumables, final cleaning
Winter Cond	ditions / Temp Building Heat		0	0.00	Summer work
Temporary U	Utility Consumption		0	0.00	Assumed to use owner's electricity and water
Subtotal			638,531	99.77	
Contingencies					
Escalation		2.00%	12,771		Between now and final CDs
Estimating C	Contingency	10.00%	63,853		Scope increase allowance through final CDs
	n Contingency	6.75%	43,101		For unforseen conditions and const. changes
Contingenc			119,725		
Subtotal with C			758,256	118.48	
	lanagement Fees				
	tion Services	1.00%	7,583		
	n Management Services	4.50%	34,122		
	on Management Subtotal	1.0070	41,705		
Total Construct	×		799,961	124.99	
Professional Se			100,001	124.33	
Frotessional Se	ervices				ļ

Spaces include: Weight Room, Community Ed., Officials Room Preliminary Drawings from Wold

Description			Projected Costs	Cost/SF	Comments
Design Fee		7.50%	59,997		Wold - assumed fee at this time.
Printing, Rev	view Fees, & Reimbursement		2,500		
Geotechnica	I Engineering		0		
Professiona	I Services Subtotal		62,497		
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION & DESIGN			862,458	134.76	
Owner Items					
Furnishings,	Fixtures, & Equipment (FF&E)		20,000		
Asbestos su	rvey		2,500		Estimate
Asbestos ab	atement if needed		10,000		Rough budget
Owner Direct contracts					
Owner Contingency					
Subtotal of Owner Items		32,500			
PROJECT TOT/	AL.		894,958	139.84	



**<u>GCSD Front Sign/Electronic Message Center:</u>** We will be replacing our front sign this spring. The sign was damaged in the July 19, 2023 storm which also required us to fix the football scoreboard, elementary security panel, Banco Bell, and PA System. This is 100% covered by insurance at the cost of \$38,000.



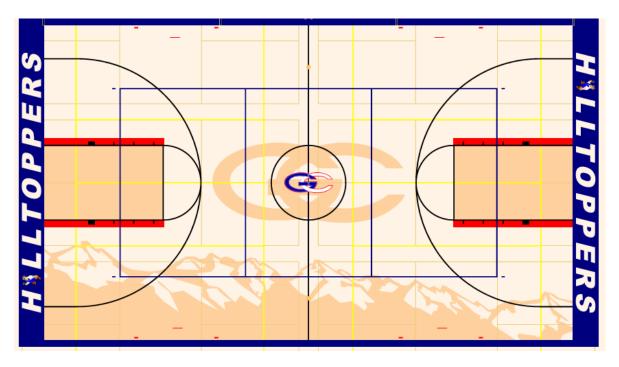
### GCSD Storm Damage (7-19-23) In-Progress

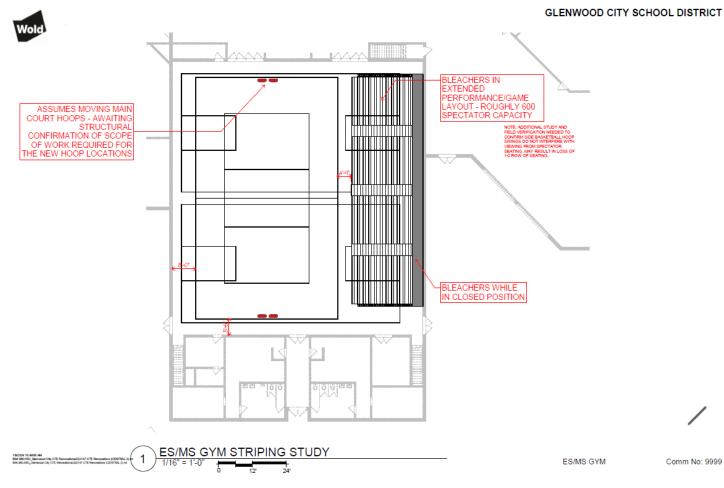
GCHS Gym Floor Repair/Sand/Repaint

GCHS Gym Floor Replacement Schedule (5-20 to 6-20) •

Elementary School Gym Floor Replacement/Repaint

- GCMS-GCE Gym Floor Replacement Schedule (6-24 to 8-23)
- GCMS-GCE Gym Reorientation •
- GCMS-GCE Bleacher Replacement •





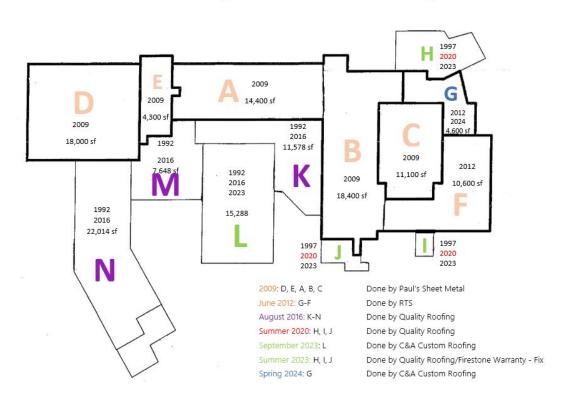
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<b>GCSD Storm</b>	Damage	(7-19-23)	Completed
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CSD	Storm Damage (7-19-23) Completed	
٠	Roof Replacement (C&A)	\$137,250
•	Coping & Flashing (C&A)	\$49,440
•	Roof Temporary Repairs (C&A)	\$4,862
•	Curb Cap Repair (Cool Air)	\$891
•	Hood Replacement Cool Air)	\$3,965
•	HS Floor Repair (Stalker)	\$41,500
•	MS Floor Replacement (Stalker)	\$179,676
•	Baseball/Softball Fencing (American Fence)	\$29,235
•	Fence Cap (Chippewa Valley)	\$3,249
•	Baseball Windscreen (Chippewa Valley)	\$4,708
•	Softball Windscreen (Chippewa Valley)	\$3,465
•	Security Panel (Netguard)	\$2,368
•	Telephone Card (Ban-Koe)	\$1,334
•	Digital Sign (Shade Solutions)	\$37,495
•	Contractor Fees (Market & Johnson)	\$5,000
	Total Replacement Cost Loss	\$504,439
	Depreciation	\$97,063
	Deductible	\$25,000

<u>GCSD Roof Replacement Plan</u>: The School District of Glenwood City is working diligently to properly plan for needed roof replacements. Unfortunately, we have had to do a lot of patching with our roof the past eight months. When planning for roof replacement the key is to spread out the areas due to the high cost of this process. Since August we have been able to replace the following:

- Section L Due to July 19 Storm Damage
- Section H, J, I Due to Warranty work by Firestone
- Section G Due to insurance funds for facia and use for our worst roof instead
- Section D We are currently looking at replacing this roof due to the high need. The cost of this replacement is quoted as \$265,000.



### Glenwood City School Roof Projects

**GCSD 15+ Passenger Van Replacement:** The School District of Glenwood City is replacing two of it 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. We do not believe that a school district can avoid this result by creating a self-imposed passenger limit of 9 passengers or less. It is the design of the vehicle that is regulated, not the subsequent use of the vehicle. We would also caution that an attempt to skirt the rules on this issue could have disastrous fiscal effects on a school district. If a school district utilizes 15 passenger vans and there is an accident that results in bodily injury, a plaintiff could argue, and we think successfully, that the school district was negligent per se. The doctrine of negligence per se is a legal theory that holds a defendant accountable for damages if they violated legislation or regulation meant to safeguard the public's safety and that a breach resulted in harm to the plaintiff. The concept presumes that the defendant was negligent merely by breaching the legislation or regulation without requiring particular actions of carelessness or recklessness to be shown. Such actions could also be argued to have created a "known present danger" which is an exception to governmental immunity that would otherwise be available under Wis. Stat. § 893.80. Click HERE to view full report.

School District of Glenwood City Van Summary:

- 2017 White Chevy Express 3500 15 passenger van with 50k miles.
   O Estimated value \$24,000
- 2018 White Chevy Express 3500 15 passenger van with 60k miles.
   O Estimated value \$27,000
- 2001 Green Ford Econoline Handicapped Van that has not been used since December of 2017

   Estimated value \$5,000

We are looking for 2 (two) either 10 or 8 passenger vehicles. AWD (All Wheel Drive) would be preferred but not a must. We would like these vehicles for our spring transportation needs. 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.

<u>GCSD Library Plan 2024 – 2027</u>: Why does the School District of Glenwood City need a Library Plan? Wisconsin Administrative Code PI-8.01(2)(h)1 states the following:

- Have on file a written, long-range plan for library services development which has been formulated by teachers, library and audiovisual personnel and administrators, and approved by the school district board.
- Designate a licensed library media person to direct and coordinate the district's library media program.
- Provide library facilities within the school building and make available to all pupils a current, balanced collection of books, basic reference materials, texts, periodicals, and audiovisual materials which depicts in an accurate and unbiased way the cultural diversity and pluralistic nature of American society.
- Provide library media services to all pupils as follows: to pupils in grades kindergarten through 6, library media services which are performed by or under the direction of licensed library and audiovisual personnel; and to library media services which are performed by licensed library and audiovisual personnel.
- Click <u>HERE</u> to view full plan.

<u>GCSD Budget Summary – October 23, 2023 and February 26, 2024</u>: Recently questions have arisen about property tax statements, particularly the rise in school taxes. Let's clarify why this has happened. In 1993, our state government instituted revenue limits, putting our district on a fixed income. Back then, the School District of Glenwood City spent less per pupil than most, establishing a baseline for annual increases. Both state aid and property taxes have been constrained since 1993. The more state aid a district receives, the less they rely on local property taxes. But remember, both revenue sources have been capped since 1993. Within the 2023-25 biennium

budget, a law allowed districts receiving less than \$11,000 per pupil to increase that amount to \$11,000. Since we were at \$10,000, our revenue generation per pupil increased by \$1,000, contributing to the observed increase. The School District of Glenwood City still spends significantly below the state average. For many, rising property values play a role. The school district has no control over this; if your property's value is higher this year, you'll pay more in taxes. School choice vouchers also impact taxes in. Families can choose private schools, with a portion funded by taxpayers. Some of you have asked where the increase you are paying is going. Part of it stems from the 2021-23 biennium budget, where there was no increase to the state aid formula. COVID-related ESSER funds from the federal government were intended for one-time costs, but the state didn't increase aid, leading districts to use some funds for ongoing costs. The increase in local tax revenue fills the gap that ESSER funds will leave. Our annual budget is \$8.5 million, necessary for programs and services preparing our children for the future.

School District of Glenwood City Mill-Rate History								
Year	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	
Mill-Rate	8.44	9.40	9.86	10.02	9.52	10.04	9.81	
Year	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	
Mill-Rate	9.76	9.47	9.49	8.01	6.91	8.16	TBD	

### GCSD Levy and Tax Q&A (First published in Fall of 2023)

### Q: Why did my property taxes go up this year?

A: Each person who owns property is subject to tax by multiple entities. These entities include, but not limited to: County, School District, Township or City, Technical College, and the State of Wisconsin. Since your overall tax bill is composed of several entities, all will play a role in the amount of tax you owe. The levy from each of these entities, as well as the overall property value an owner has, will determine your overall tax bill.

### Q: Why did the Glenwood City School District's portion of my property tax bill increase?

*A:* On October 23, 2023 the GCSD Board of Education approved the Recommended 2023-24 GCSD Budget. Click HERE to view this approved budget. This included taking advantage of the revenue cap limit increase ability and the opportunity to address facility needs.

### **Q:** What is the mill rate and how does it affect property taxes?

A: The mill rate is the amount of tax a property owner will pay per \$1,000 of property value. Each school district in Wisconsin has the authority to levy up to a specific dollar amount for public schools. This amount is different for every district and is set by the State of Wisconsin in what is known as the "Revenue Limit." The mill rate is calculated by taking the Revenue Limit and then dividing this by the Total Equalized Value for all properties within the school district. This answer is then multiplied by 1,000, to get a mill rate, or rate of tax per \$1,000 of property value.

*Example:* In 2023, the Glenwood City School District had a total levy in the amount of \$3,511,796. The total equalized value for the District was \$432,283,038.  $$3,511,796 \div $432,283,038 \times 1000 = $8.16$ .

### Q: How can I calculate to see if my tax bill reflects this \$8.16 mill rate?

*A:* Remember the \$8.16 mill rate is <u>an average rate</u> for all municipalities within the school district. Therefore, some individual property owners may have slightly higher or lower rates. However, some simple math should get you close. Take the Fair Market Value shown on your property tax and divide it by 1,000. Multiply this answer by \$8.16, which is the mill rate. This is the expected tax to pay towards the school district's portion.

Subtract the School Tax Credit, since this is a credit from the State of Wisconsin. The answer should be close to the amount listed under your 2023 Glenwood City School District Tax.

*Example:* Property value of \$175,000.  $$175,000 \div 1000 = 175$ . Multiple 175 x \$8.16 = \$1,428. Subtract school tax credit and compare to amount shown for 2023 Glenwood City School District tax.

### Q: Why did the Glenwood City School District levy \$700,000 in Fund 80?

*A*: *The GCSD Current Fund Balance (Fund 80) = \$1,979,739. This coupled with the following facts:* 

- Fund 80 fund balance and revenue can only be used for community educational needs
- We have numerous facility items to address due to lack of maintenance over the last decade
- We are seeing a growing need for child care in our community
- We are not using our existing facility in an efficient manner per Wold Architects and Engineers
- With basic clean up and facility rearrangements, we are able to full fill future needs
- We lack community education space and outreach areas
- We have a non-compliant and outdated weight room that provides limited use due to current location

New GCSD Board of Education Calendar

- March 25, 2024
- April 22, 2024
- May 20, 2024
- June 24, 2024
- July 22, 2024

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



Respectfully,

Patrick B. Olson District Administrator



















English and Language Arts - By grade, students' 4K-12 performance will increase five percentage points from fall to spring on FastBridge Assessments.

Math - By grade, students' 4K-12 performance will increase five percentage points from fall to spring on FastBridge Assessments.

**Every Student, Every Day** – GCSD will continue to build a District culture committed to high expectations, clear communication, and building positive relationships.

### What is Culture?

"It's the way we do things round here"

"It's the way we **WANT TO** do things round here"

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