

Dear Gull Lake Families and Staff,

This week at our Regular Board meeting, the student growth results were shared for review and discussion. I am pleased to report that our students surpassed the target growth indicators and are showing significant academic gains. Given the concerns about learning through a Pandemic, it is reassuring to see the positive impact our program and staff are having when it comes to preparing our kids for a successful future!

In addition to seeing strong gains for our student population, it was clear that even students from traditionally underserved and at-risk populations achieved noteworthy academic growth results. These outcomes are made possible by a team that carefully plans, observes, and implements best practice instruction on a consistent basis. Student success also increases when staff build strong and supportive relationships with their students and families. Involved families and a caring community round out the support network that leads to success.

I have learned the importance of celebrating important milestones such as this and am reflecting with gratitude upon all the lived experiences we share in service to growing kids and building community. We should all be proud of what has been accomplished together through challenging times.

Enjoy our <u>GLCS Good Things update</u> and review the most recent update from our Health Department (linked on GLCS website) as we continue with our Recovery phase and easing of restrictions on indoor activities.

Have a great weekend!

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Updates

GLHS District Band Festival on March 3, 2022, at Marshall HS.

½ Day of School on March 10 and 11, 2022 for 2nd trimester exams.

First Robotics Competition March 10-12, 2022 at GLHS.

3rd **Tri** begins March 14, 2022.

Incoming Kindergarten/Young Fives Welcome Night on March 14, 2022, 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm at Richland & Kellogg Elementary.

Early Release on March 16, 2022.

No School on March 25, 2022.

Spring Break is March 28 –April 1, 2022.

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