



## GALENA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear GCSD Families and Community Members,

First and foremost, I sincerely hope that this communication finds each of you immersed in the holiday spirit, having the capacity to set aside the challenges and expectations of daily life for a brief period in order to surround yourself with loved ones during this special time and that your upcoming days are filled with joy, blessings and endless laughter. In essence and in the words of one of my greatest mentors in life, "Be still..." and take in these precious moments.

Having traveled over 3,600 miles in the past 24 hours to embrace the holidays with my immediate and extended family, my wife, daughter and I have settled into my parent's home in Indiana to share in the many gifts (whether tangible or not) of the season for the next week and are working diligently to live fully into this aforementioned thought. Please note, that we are aspiring for this calm as my four-year old continues to struggle mightily with the mere thought of stillness and silence; yet, this is equally as magical as well.

Similarly, SHS and GILA remain in constant motion in pursuit of progress and to bring forward the best educational opportunities that your child(ren) deserve. For example, the Board of Education recently approved a major renovation project on the Composite Building (GILA campus) which will begin in April/May of 2023 (A heartfelt thank you to both prior/current leadership as well as Board Members for making this possible), the district is poised to start a three year-old learning program at the on-set of the 2023-2024 school year and we are positioning our district to provide increased parent/community engagement opportunities, elevated access to after-school extracurricular options for all students and quickly developing partnerships to provide for state of the art drone programming!

In closing and on behalf of the entire district, we remain honored to support your child(ren)'s education and we will continue to take this responsibility to heart as we serve you.

Warmest of Holiday Wishes,

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