



## GALENA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear GCSGD Families and Community Members,

Throughout the entirety of the year, our team has worked diligently to embody the sentiments expressed in the following statement by inspirational author Mr. Roy Bennett: “Listen with curiosity. Speak with honesty. Act with integrity.”

Please know that we have actively listened to you each step of the way, that we have been and will continue to be sincere in our words and that our actions will display the genuine compassion and care we have for each of you. To these ends, please see the following momentous steps we are taking to live into these principles:

**1. Strategic Planning** –To improve student outcomes associated with our educational model, please know that we are nearing the completion of our 5-year plan to enhance the following: Student Success, Community Engagement, Workforce Climate (To ensure staff remain here in Galena) and our Celebrations of School, Community and Indigenous Culture.

**2. SHS and GILA Renovations** – To ensure that your children are educated in safe, state of the art facilities, significant upgrades will occur on both campuses inclusive of a newly painted gymnasium floor (Before next basketball season), enhanced emergency lighting and new classroom flooring at SHS as well as a complete renovation of the Composite building and new roof at Iditarod Hall on the GILA campus!

**3. Music, Reading Specialist and More!** – As we work to ensure that all children have access to the curriculum or activities they need to flourish, we have hired a full-time music instructor, a reading specialist and are working daily to rebuild the District’s aviation program (Lots of exciting news to come soon!).

In closing, we are grateful for everyone that volunteered their time in order to help support the development of GCSGD’s future, extend our warmest regards to the Loudon Tribal Council and City of Galena for their efforts in seeing the District flourish and to our staff who are working tirelessly to improve your child(ren)’s education and future.

Sincerely,

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