

## Community questions from the month of September

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2. Does Gary have a school just for special needs children or teenagers?

**The Gary Community School Corporation does not have a school specifically designated for children or teenagers with special needs. The special needs programs are available at each of our schools.**

3. What did the Gary Schools pay in Legal bills in the last 12 months? **This amount is still being determined, and will be answered within a reason amount of time once the data is gathered. Do law firms give discounts or use some professional pro bona interns? Please contact the law firm you are referring to and inquire whether they use interns for pro bono work.**

4. (Meal distribution) Many parents work and cannot pick up the meals. Is there some way members of the communities can come together to help out these families? **Families may call 219-881-5481 for assistance with food delivery arrangements.**

5. Why are other areas allowing students to go back to physical school and Gary still has to do virtual learning? **Each school district has different circumstances. Because Gary has been determined as a "hot spot" for the spread of COVID-19, our District has been advised by health department officials to continue with e-learning at this time.**

6. Why are teachers not replying to their emails? **We apologize that some teachers are not responding to their emails. When this is the case, please call the school directly to connect with the principal.**

7. Is there a list of the CTE course options? **CTE Course options are listed on our website at GarySchools.org under the Gary Area Career Center tab.**

8. How do eighth graders get into the CTE program? **Contact your middle school principal to get your child signed up for CTE opportunities.**

9. Does GCSC still use corporal punishment? **No**

10. Is there an email or contact person, that could provide information regarding which financial institution the pension is administered by? **Please contact our Human Resources department at 219-881-5448.**

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12. How does the size of your administration compare to similar-sized districts? I've heard it's pretty top heavy. **Actually, the administration size of our school district is one of the smallest in Northwest Indiana. Strategic downsizing has been made as GCSC remains focused on a balanced budget.**
13. How do I obtain a copy of diploma for a student that graduated from Roosevelt High in June 2020? **Your inquiry has been forwarded to our records division, and a representative will contact you directly regarding your request.**