



Gary Community School Corporation

Strong. Resilient. Built for Education.

Quarterly Progress Report – January-March 2021

Thanks to the extraordinary work of teachers, staff, and families, about half of GCSC students have returned to school buildings. Despite the pandemic-related challenges, GCSC continues to progress, with students gaining academically, the deficit dropping dramatically, and more community members reporting that GCSC is on the right track.

ACADEMICS



IREADY READING DATA		
Overall GCSC Performance		
Level	Change from Fall	Trend
Mid or Above Grade Level	5%	↑
Early on Grade Level	3%	↑
One Grade Level Below	-1%	↓
Two Grade Levels Below	-1%	↓
Three Grade Levels Below	-6%	↓

IREADY MATH DATA		
Overall GCSC Performance		
Level	Change from Fall	Trend
Mid or Above Grade Level	1%	↑
Early on Grade Level	3%	↑
One Grade Level Below	-1%	↓
Two Grade Levels Below	-3%	↓
Three Grade Levels Below	1%	↑

More students are on or above grade level, and fewer students are below grade level.

ENGAGEMENT



Increasing Involvement & Accessibility

- Boosted community members who believe schools are on the right track by 92 percent since June 2020
- Extended time for parent-teacher conferences to better accommodate families' schedules
- Chose to adopt new curriculum after feedback from school advisory committee

Frequently

Asked

Questions

Now available at
GarySchools.org

FISCAL



Enrollment is up...

...the deficit is down.

ADM increased by 65 additional students, the biggest increase in more than 10 years

The deficit fell to less than \$2 million, after reaching \$22 million in August 2017

OPERATIONS



Reopening and Refurbishing Our Schools

- ✓ Reopened school buildings to nearly half of all students
- ✓ Trained all school resource officers in de-escalation strategies
- ✓ Refinished gym floor at West Side Leadership Academy and Glen Park Academy; repaved the track at WSLA; completed new playground at Beveridge Elementary; repainted WSLA, Gary Middle School, and Gary Area Career Center, all thanks to the School Improvement Fund

Internet Connectivity Rates, by Month

	Jan	Feb	March
100%			
95%	✓	✓	✓
90%			
85%			
80%			

- This is the second quarterly progress report GCSC is releasing since launching the Path Forward, its bold two-year plan for continuing to improve academics, engagement, fiscal matters, and operations in the district, in August 2020.
- You can also reach us with any questions or suggestions at info@garycsc.k12.in.us.