



Gary Community School Corporation

Doing What is Best for Students - Today - Tomorrow - Everyday

Quarterly Progress Report – September 2021

Thanks to extensive planning and close partnership with the community, GCSC schools are back open and filled with the sounds of thousands of students learning and growing together. Students are accessing more opportunities to prepare for college and careers, and Gary schools are progressing toward exiting distressed unit status with the state.

ACADEMICS



For the first time in years, special education services are under local control. *The Indiana Department of Education said GCSC has made sufficient progress to resume total control of its services. There is still much more work to do, but this development is undeniably a step in the right direction.*



Horticulture



CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

New Options at the Gary Area Career Center



Auto Mechanics

ENGAGEMENT



More Extracurricular Activities for Students



- A new high school golf team is starting to compete now, and a new tennis team is planned for the spring!



Frequently

Asked

Questions

Now available at GarySchools.org

Committees Drive Decision-making

- A committee of teachers and administrators collaborated to choose which new math curriculum to adopt. Nationally, students' math proficiency has especially declined during the pandemic.



FISCAL



Investing in Teacher Training

For the first time in recent years, the GCSC school calendar creates opportunities for teachers and administrators to continue their training during the school year. Overall, staff have access to far more professional development opportunities.



OPERATIONS



Family Technology Trainings

The IT Committee offered trainings for families on how to better use technology to support their children's learning.

State & Federal Audit Findings

From 2016-2018 to 2018-2020, findings on state and federal audits are down 21 percent.

- This is the fourth 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.
- The Path Forward is available at [GarySchools.org/Path-Forward](https://www.GarySchools.org/Path-Forward).
- You can also reach us with any questions or suggestions at info@garycsc.k12.in.us.