A Word from Lori Clark, Supervisor of Student Teacher Accountability Reporting System (STARS)

GMCS Prepares for the 40th Day Reporting

The 40th day of school occurs on October 12th, 2022. There is information that we send to the state’s public education department as part of our reporting process. This includes all student demographics (names, date of birth, grade level, physical address and additional mailing information, phone numbers, and parent email addresses). Parents should review their information through the parent view portal and make sure that all information given is correct. Accuracy is key to ensuring that the information we are sending to the state is true and correct. This information is gathered from surveys of parents, students, and community members and while we have continued with many of our original successful objectives, we have added some additional areas:

- ATTENDANCE – The pandemic has taken a devastating toll on the average number of students attending school. We plan to rebound our average attendance percentages with school site planning, district incentives and resources, and parental support.
- SPECIAL EDUCATION – Improve support to school sites for any services received by students and their families through better communication and collaboration.
- HERITAGE LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT – Revitalization of the Heritage Language is a key component of developing the whole child. We are developing an assessment that we will use to provide feedback regarding achievement and to identify the additional supports necessary to improve Heritage Language instruction.
- ELEVATE 2025 strategically maps out what the district needs to do to ensure that all our students are on the path to graduate and be college and career ready. Together, we will continue to build a district where excellence and equity grows and flourishes, where all our students have opportunities to create positive successful futures for themselves locally and globally.

A Word from GMCS Superintendent, Mike Hyatt on the GMCS ELEVATE 2025 Strategic Plan

The Gallup-McKinley County Schools (GMCS) School Board and Administration implemented the ELEVATE 2025 strategic plan 3 years ago. This effort has resulted in a clearly articulated mission, vision, goals, and priorities that form the foundation for future student success and district improvement. After 3 years of success in recruiting and retaining staff, technology improvements, career pathways implementation, communication with stakeholders, financial sustainability, and student academic improvement, we have now continued with the next iteration of our strategic plan called ELEVATE 2025. This plan will help our students continuously grow, build on their prior successes, and overcome some of the setbacks due to the pandemic.

In the creation of ELEVATE 2025, we gathered significant data and input from surveys of parents, students, staff, and community members and while we have continued with many of our original successful objectives, we have added some additional areas:

- STRATEGIC GOALS FOR EXCELLENCE
- Our Mission
  - Preparing our students for success. We empower and develop our students through improving academic knowledge, promoting essential skills, and positive character traits, providing safe and healthy learning environments, and facilitating strong partnerships among parents, colleges and the business community.
- Our Vision
  - Excellence in educating our students to become self-reliant, productive citizens in a multicultural society.
- OUR VALUES
  - Our values lie at the core of our work. They influence our teaching, our philosophy of leadership, and our relationships with the students and the communities we serve.
- Equity, Equality and Access – We are committed to providing consistent excellent instruction, quality learning environments and supportive services for all students and their families.

Our Goals

- STRATEGIC GOALS FOR EXCELLENCE
- Goal #1: Increase Student Success
  - Strengthen academic performance & student engagement.
- Goal #2: Create Career Pathways
  - Connect student learning to their career goals.
- Goal #3: Empower Our Team
  - Develop & support employees to grow professionally within the District.
- Goal #4: Strengthen Partnerships
  - Expand community partnerships to support & advocate our students.

GMCS Superintendent

Mike Hyatt

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