

2020-2021

RETURN TO LEARN PLAN

BEGINNING ONLINE.
WORKING TO RETURN IN-PERSON.



The decision to begin the 2020-2021 school year virtually was very difficult. The plan is to continue in this online instructional format until at least the end of the first trimester. It is our strong preference to have students learn in a quality, in-school experience with their classroom teachers. We hope to be in that position sooner rather than later. However, the health and safety of our students, employees, and community continue to be the driving factors in our decision-making process.

More at GLcomets.net/ReturnToLearn

BUZZ is the online learning management system that students are using as the starting point of their school day.



Calendar Highlights

- November 23-27 – Thanksgiving Break
 - December 21 - January 1 – Winter Break
 - March 26 - April 2 – Spring Break
 - June 18 – Last Day of School
- More at GLcomets.net/Calendar



BOARD OF EDUCATION

The board is scheduled to meet at 6:00 p.m. on the following dates:

- October 12, 2020 – Work Session
- October 26, 2020 – Regular Meeting
- November 16, 2020 – Regular Meeting
- December 14, 2020 – Regular Meeting
- January 11, 2021 – Organizational Meeting

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Building a Better School System for the Community

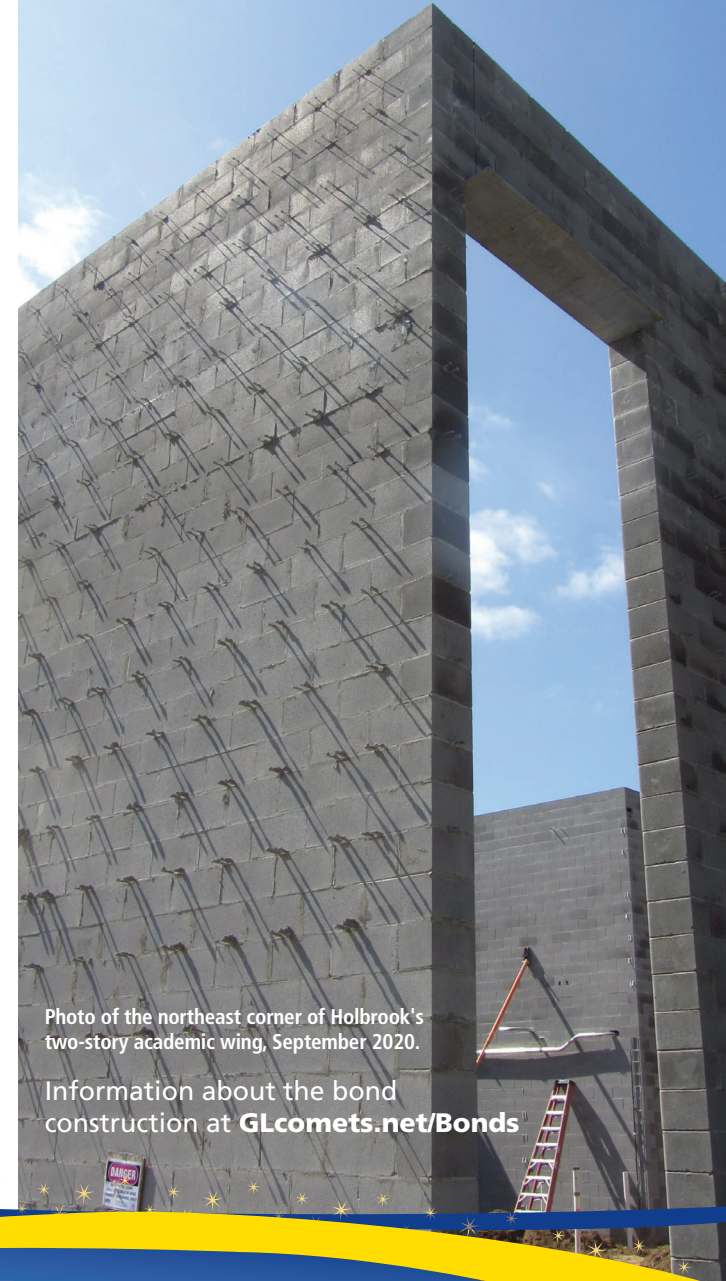


Photo of the northeast corner of Holbrook's two-story academic wing, September 2020.

Information about the bond construction at GLcomets.net/Bonds

Meet the New GLPS Administrators



Dr. David Chapin Interim Superintendent

Dr. David Chapin was appointed as the Interim Superintendent of Grand Ledge Public Schools by the Board of Education in June 2020. His appointment will be no longer than one year. Dr. Chapin is committed to doing his very best during these challenging times for the students, staff, and community of

Grand Ledge Public Schools. Since 2013, Dr. Chapin has been on the College of Education faculty at Michigan State University working in the Department of Educational Administration. Before that, he served as the Superintendent of East Lansing Public Schools for nine years.



Mr. Dave Kushman Hayes Principal

Dave Kusman was named Principal of Hayes Middle School in April 2020 after serving as the Interim Principal for a year and a half. Before moving into administration, Mr. Kushman had been a special education teacher at Grand Ledge High School for nine years.



Mr. Ken Wright High School Principal

Ken Wright was named Principal of Grand Ledge High School in April 2020 after serving as Interim Principal for five months. Mr. Wright taught at Hayes Middle School for eight years before serving as an Assistant Principal at GLHS for three and a half years.



Mrs. Tonya Rice High School Assistant Principal

Tonya Rice is the new Assistant Principal at Grand Ledge High School. Mrs. Rice had been a GLHS math teacher for 17 years serving in a number of leadership roles before accepting her new administrative role.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

Notice for Directory Information

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a federal law, requires that Grand Ledge Public Schools, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's educational records.

However, Grand Ledge Public Schools may disclose appropriately designated student directory information without written consent for yearbooks, honor rolls, sports activities, drama playbills, publications, and other media.

If you do not want us to disclose your child's directory information, you must provide written notice each school year prior to 4:00 p.m. on September 30.

Written notice can be sent to

**ATTN: D'Anne Golub
Grand Ledge Public Schools
220 Lamson Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837**

or via eMail to GolubD@GLcomets.net

More information and written notice form at
GLcomets.net/FERPA



Don't let a good drop go bad!

Not all water pollution comes from big factories – it's also caused by little household chores.

Hosing off your driveway or sidewalk sends dirt, motor oil, fertilizer, and animal waste into our rivers and lakes – the very water we drink. So,

please sweep instead of hosing. Limit your fertilizer use, and avoid applying it before a rainy day. Take care when changing your motor oil. Also, tidy up after your pets.

Wondering what to do with unused household and landscaping chemicals? Drop them off for free at the Ingham County Health Department.

Remember: anything that enters storm drains or ditches is headed straight for your local lake or river. No filters, no treatment. Your waterways are closer than you think!

To learn more about how Grand Ledge Public Schools is helping to protect our local streams, visit our Storm Water Management page on our website at GLcomets.net/Stormwater.

Integrated Pest Management Program

Grand Ledge Public Schools has adopted an Integrated Pest Management program. Inherent with this are the district's efforts to reduce pesticide use as much as possible. While it may occasionally be necessary to apply a pesticide, this program **DOES NOT** rely on routine pesticide applications to resolve problems. We use various techniques such as habitat alteration, sanitation, mechanical means, exclusion, etc. to prevent pests from becoming a problem.

As required by Michigan law, you will receive advanced notice of non-emergency application of a pesticide (insecticide, fungicide, or herbicide), other than bait or gel formulation, which is made to the school, school grounds, or buildings. This advance notice of a pesticide application will be given 48 hours before the application by the following two methods:

- 1) Posting at the primary entrances to your child's school. The entrances that will be posted are the main entrance and those that have a sidewalk that leads directly to a parking lot.
- 2) Posting in the common area located by the main office of the school.

PLEASE NOTE that notification is not given for use of sanitizers, germicides, disinfectants, or anti-microbial cleaners. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without prior notice to prevent injury to students, but you will be promptly notified following any such application, via the two posting methods identified above.

You may review the school's Integrated Pest Management program and records of any pesticide application upon request by contacting the Operations Department at 517-925-5424.

Parents or guardians of children attending the school are also entitled to receive the advance notice of a pesticide application, other than a bait or gel formulation, by first-class USPS mail postmarked at least three days before the application, if they so request. If you would like to be notified by mail, please contact the Operations Department at 517-925-5424. Please give your name, mailing address, phone number, and what school(s) your child or children attend, and they will put your name on the advance notification by USPS list.

Please note that after the school year is completed and during the summer months, those parents who requested advance notice by mail will be notified using an alternative method consisting of a telephone message notification system. The school will also continue posting advance notification at the school by the methods identified above.