

Dear Genesee Valley Community,

What a beautiful Fall season we have had at Genesee Valley CSD! This is my favorite time of year, as I love to hike, hunt and enjoy the change of seasons.

Autumn ends the first phase of the capital project. New features include a new roof, new asphalt in the parking lot and new tinting and security film in the cafeteria. The plans for the second phase are at the NYS Department of Education for final review. I am optimistic we will commence the next phase by the Summer of 2018. Please review some highlights of the next phase on following page.

Voters authorized a capital outlay project last May. This project brings a new storage location for district office records retention, new dry storage and an expanded freezer for the cafeteria. This is the third year the district has provided free breakfast, lunch and snacks to all students. Each year we increased the number of meals served significantly, serving over 30,000 additional meals during last year alone. I am very proud of the outstanding work of our cafeteria staff in serving all students healthy and nutritious meals!

The Western New York STEM Hub recognized the GVCS STEAM program for a third year in a row. We were recognized at the "Accomplished" level and received an "Honorable Mention" in the inaugural category of Sustainability Education. Congratulations to all the faculty, staff, administration and students for a job well done!

As Thanksgiving approaches, we have a great deal to be thankful for. I would like to share with you what I am thankful for as the Superintendent of GVCS:

- I am thankful for the outstanding students who come to school daily eager to learn. The energy they bring makes the building come alive!
- I am thankful for the dedicated teachers, teacher aides, teacher assistants, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, administrators, office staff, custodians and cleaners who give so much to make GVCS a truly special place. I am very proud of the outstanding professionals who give so much of their time to support the students of our community.
- I am thankful to serve with a Board of Education who truly cares about what is best for students, staff and the community. They are committed to making GVCS a community focused district and the best school in the country.
- I am thankful for the parents, grandparents and volunteers who donate time and expertise so generously to support the district.

I hope you enjoy the upcoming holiday season and look forward to seeing you at one of the many upcoming district concerts and events.

Sincerely,



Dr. Brian Schmitt

Superintendent Genesee Valley CSD