

February 28, 2025 Superintendent Services Summary

This month has been a busy month working with the hot lunch program, transportation, facilities, budget, business manager support, and support of Mr. Hetler. There are weekly calls in place, some more than others to provide support in as many areas as possible. I was also very busy spending time at the legislature.

Legislative updates include the following two bills that Glen Ullin will want to follow to see if they get passed and signed into law. HB 1369 passed the House by a vote of 78-12. This bill allows school districts experiencing declining enrollment to be paid on the prior three-year average attendance instead of just the prior year. This would allow for more revenue to help when student enrollment declines. The reality is that Glen Ullin will want to prioritize attracting and keeping students in school as that is the best way to guarantee revenue from the state. This bill also has the per pupil funding for the next two years, which right now stands at 2% and 2% increase, \$11,293 for the 2025-26 school year and \$11,519 for the 2026-27 school year.

HB 1381 is the bill that allows districts to lower the subtraction of in lieu of taxes that come in the prior year. This passed the House by a vote of 64-26. As an example, if this had been in place for the current school year, it would have meant an additional \$65,670 in revenue from the state for Glen Ullin.

The Food Service Department is switching suppliers to cut the costs of food needed to serve students. It's interesting as now the current supplier is coming back with better pricing. Competition can be a good thing as far as helping to keep costs down.

I had asked the teaching staff to provide an evaluation of Mr. Hetler and Mr. Deitchman. I received two evaluations back from teachers, of which I shared with Mr. Hetler and Mr. Deitchman.

Finally, I have been working with Mr. Hetler to make sure he puts in writing his plan for days he is gone and provide clear expectations for teachers to know who to get support from if needed. I would like to thank Mr. Deitchman for all that he did this year and wish him the best as he gets to enjoy retirement again.

If you have any questions, or any thoughts, feel free to call or text me -- 701-220-3176.

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