

Superintendent's Thoughts
May 2017

In May it is always good to look back and see how we have performed as a school district over the past year. We have spent a great deal of time this year positioning ourselves to provide more educational opportunities and better delivery of services to our students. We are really looking at helping our students plan for their careers after leaving school. Greensburg Schools received multiple grants this year to help finance this endeavor. Like most things, new opportunities come with a cost and these grants are essential to the school district being able to provide these new services to our students. We are going to focus on the following initiatives this year:

1. The hiring of a part-time Career and Technical Education (CTE) Coordinator. This pilot will be financed through a grant from the Lilly Foundation. The Coordinator will act as the liaison between Greensburg Schools and local industry and businesses.
2. Greensburg Schools will pay the costs for eight of our current dual credit teachers to obtain the proper additional course work required for full credentialing by Ivy Tech before September, 2022 so that we can continue offering over 40 dual credit classes at GHS.
3. Greensburg Schools will offer, beginning this summer, the Early Career Opportunity (ECO) Challenge program for at-risk incoming freshman students. The focus of this program is three fold: transition the students into high school; connect these students with employment opportunities based on achievement, growth, and interest; and assist these students in developing the soft skills necessary to achieve and maintain a job. Interested staff members will be educated on building positive relationships with ECO students in order to effectively serve as mentors beginning in the Fall of 2017.
4. Increased opportunities for students to earn industry based certifications. Those students who master the opportunity to meet the academic challenges of various College and Career Pathways will receive these certificates that will be used after graduation to make them more employable in high paying jobs.

Greensburg Schools will continue our commitment to provide a world class education to all of our students. We have developed positive relationships with business and industry in our area and we want to take this to the next level. These initiatives should help accelerate this process. Look for exciting and innovative projects to follow at all three GCS schools.

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