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Dear GCS D Students, Staff, Parents, and Community Members,

I am writing to provide an update regarding the criminal prosecution involving the School District of Glenwood City's former Superintendent, Mr. Tim Johnson. On December 16, 2025, Tim Johnson entered pleas of guilty/no contest to six of the seventeen felony counts filed against him. By doing so, he waived his right to a trial, resulting in guilty verdicts on each of the following felony charges:

- Count 4 – 943.38(2): Forgery–Uttering, Felony H
- Count 5 – 943.38(2): Forgery–Uttering, Felony H
- Count 6 – 943.38(2): Forgery–Uttering, Felony H
- Count 14 – 946.12(4): Misconduct in Office–Fraud/Record/Statement, Felony I
- Count 15 – 946.12(4): Misconduct in Office–Fraud/Record/Statement, Felony I
- Count 16 – 946.12(4): Misconduct in Office–Fraud/Record/Statement, Felony I

Tuesday, April 7, 2026, St. Croix County Court Commissioner Heckmann and the Honorable Judge Needham held hearings for the restitution and sentencing phases of the criminal process.

**Restitution:** St. Croix County Court Commissioner Heckmann presided over the restitution hearing. The total restitution awarded to the School District of Glenwood City is **\$222,515**, which includes:

- \$75,515 related to false Viterbo educational credit claims
- \$126,000 paid by EMC Insurance under the District's fraud policy
  - This is repayment of performance stipends under false pretenses for five years
- \$21,000 for Intellex Forensics Advisory Services, Inc
- Additional amounts were considered but not included in the final restitution order. The District respects the court's decision regarding the final amount awarded
- Superintendent Patrick Olson Restitution Testimony [HERE](#)

**Sentencing:** Tim Johnson has now been sentenced for a sustained pattern of financial misconduct that breached the trust placed in him as superintendent and caused significant harm to the School District of Glenwood City. As established through the investigation and the professional audit by Intellex Forensics, his actions were not isolated but sustained, involving misuse of public funds, deception, and abuse of authority that impacted students, staff, and the broader community. While no sentence can fully repair the financial, operational, and cultural damage done, this outcome represents an important step toward accountability, restoring public trust, and ensuring that such conduct is not repeated in our schools or public institutions.

- The Honorable Judge Needham held the sentencing hearing and the results include:
  - Count 4 - Forgery: 6 years – 3 years in prison/3 years extended supervision
  - Count 5 - Forgery: 6 years – 3 years in prison/3 years extended supervision
  - Count 6 - Forgery: 6 years – 3 years in prison/3 years extended supervision
  - Count 14 - Misconduct/Office Fraud: 2 ½ years - 1 ½ in prison/ 1 year extended supervision
  - Count 15 - Misconduct/Office Fraud: 2 ½ years - 1 ½ in prison/ 1 year extended supervision
  - Count 16 - Misconduct/Office Fraud 2 ½ years - 1 ½ in prison/ 1 year extended supervision
  - The judge imposed and stayed the prison sentence, placing him on probation for 4 years
  - Includes 8 months in the county jail to be served 2 months for each year of probation
  - Report within 30 days to start serving the first 2 month stint
  - Huber granted for work release
  - 120 hours of community service
- [Intellex Forensic Audit](#) published June 4, 2024
- Superintendent Patrick Olson Sentencing Testimony [HERE](#)

We are pleased to share that this case marks the conclusion of a very challenging chapter for the School District of Glenwood City. [WE ARE READY TO TURN THE PAGE!](#) Over the past several years, our students, staff, families, and the greater Glenwood City community have faced significant hardship on many different levels. As we move forward, we are committed to healing together and strengthening trust through continued transparency, accountability, and open communication.

Throughout this time, our staff has remained deeply dedicated to our students and schools. Their efforts have led to meaningful progress, including:

- Development and implementation of the [GCSD Strategic Direction and Values](#)
- [GCSD Strategic Direction, Values, and Successes \(July 1, 2023 – October 1, 2025\)](#)
- Receiving an “Exceeds Expectations” rating on the 2024–25 [Wisconsin DPI District Report Card](#)
- Most importantly, continuing to provide a safe, supportive learning environment where all students can succeed
- Additional district highlights and accomplishments can be found at: GCSD [Facebook](#) or [Website](#)

As a District, we again remain focused on what matters most, our students and staff, as we live out our **Core Purpose: Every Student, Every Day**. We appreciate the continued support, resilience, and commitment of the Glenwood City students, staff, parents, and community.

Respectfully,

Patrick B. Olson  
 District Administrator  
 School District of Glenwood City