

June 13, 2023

EGF Families and Staff Members,

I hope all of you are doing well! It is hard to believe that we are already starting the second full week of summer vacation! The 2022-23 school year has officially come to a close with the exception of the MSHSL State Girls Golf Tournament, and summer learning programs are running in full force! There is a good chance that this will be my last "EGF ISD 595 District Update", but you never know. I am planning to continue to serve as the EGF Supt of Schools through the month of June and help with the transition. Bryan Hackbarth was recently hired to serve as the Interim Supt of Schools for the 2023-24 school year and I am looking forward to meeting Mr. Hackbarth and providing any assistance that may be needed. Mr. Hackbarth's official start date is July 1, 2023, but I am willing to bet he will be on site between now and then.

Please review the following information and feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you!

Mike Kolness

EGF Superintendent of Schools

School District Updates

Congratulations to the Class of 2023 - CONGRATULATIONS to the members of the graduating Class of 2023 and their family members! It was a pleasure to work with you over the years and I wish all of you the best of luck in the future!



Juneteenth State Holiday Reminder - Governor Tim Walz recently signed legislation that establishes Juneteenth as a state holiday. Juneteenth recognizes the historical pronouncement of the abolition of slavery on June 19, 1865, when the Emancipation Proclamation was said to have been first publicly read in Texas by Union soldiers. As is the case with other holidays defined in [Minnesota Session Laws 2023 Chapter 5](#), no public business can be conducted on this day. This means schools cannot hold classes or programs, school board meetings, athletic practices and competitions, and other school-associated events. **PLEASE NOTE** - Due to the recent establishment of the new holiday, EGF ISD 595 will not be open for business. There will be no summer school, summer meals programs, childcare, or other activities in any of the buildings.

Transportation Director Position - East Grand Forks Public Schools is looking for a Transportation Director for the 2023-24 School Year. Please consider joining our Team and go to EGF [Job Openings](#) to apply. THANK YOU!



Other Job Openings - EGF ISD 595 continues to have several open positions to fill for the summer 2023-24 school year. Please go to the [EGF Human Resources Site](#) to find more information about open positions and how to apply. THANK YOU!

State Girls Golf Tournament - CONGRATULATIONS to MSHSL State Class AA Girls Tournament Participant Kayla Thompson! She will be competing at the State Meet in Jordan, MN on June 13-14. Best of luck to Kayla at the State Meet!



Perfect Attendance Recognition - Special "CONGRATULATIONS" to veteran EGF bus driver, Jan Yanish on completing the 2022-23 school year and not missing a single AM or PM route! The District is very fortunate to have such a dependable driver who deeply cares about the students she is transporting! Super job, Jan!



Activities Update - Due to the extended winter, the spring sports season was fast and furious! A big "THANK YOU" goes out to all of the coaches, parents and fans for being flexible and making the best out of a challenging season! Super job, Green Wave!



Students in Action - There were so many awesome activities taking place during the last month of school and it was really fun to attend many of them! Thank you to everyone for all of their efforts! I apologize for not sharing photos from every event!



Happy Retirement - CONGRATULATIONS to staff members Kathy Voelker and Shirley Enright on their recent retirements! A big "THANK YOU" goes out to both of them for all of their efforts! They will be missed! Great job, Kathy and Shirley!



THANK YOU - I would like to take a little time to say "THANK YOU" to all of the students, families, staff members, and community members who I have been blessed to work with over the last seven years. Cathy and I are very grateful for the opportunities, friendships, and support! EGF ISD 595 and the local community will always be special to us! Best of luck in the future! Go Green Wave!

