

Gower School District #62 Board Report

Date: April 30, 2019
Title: Approval of eLearning Program
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Discussion

The Gower School District 62 Board of Education held a public hearing at the beginning of the regularly scheduled Board meeting on April 30, 2019. The public hearing was on the proposal for an eLearning program recommended for implementation district-wide. A legal notice was published in DuPage County Chronicle on April 17, 2019. Certificates of Publication and the notice are attached.

Board Motion

I move that the Board of Education approve the eLearning program as presented and adopt the eLearning program for implementation district-wide in accordance with relevant statutes and/or regulatory action(s)/guidance in place currently, anticipated, or put into place during implementation.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT eLEARNING PROGRAM IN LIEU OF THE DISTRICT'S SCHEDULED
EMERGENCY DAYS

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Gower Elementary School District 62 is adopting an eLearning program district-wide that shall permit student instruction to be received electronically while students are not physically present in lieu of the district's scheduled emergency days.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Gower Elementary School District 62 that it will employ an eLearning program that:


- May utilize the Internet, telephones, texts, chat rooms, or other similar means of electronic communication for instruction and interaction between teachers and students that meet the needs of all learners.
- Ensures and verifies the required clock hours of instruction or school work for each student participating in an eLearning day.
- Ensures access from home or other appropriate remote facility for all students participating in the program including availability of non-electronic materials to students who do not have access to the required technology or to the participating teachers or students who are prevented from accessing the required technology.
- Ensures appropriate learning opportunities for students with special needs.
- Ensures the monitoring and verification of each student's electronic participation.
- Addresses the extent to which student participation is within the student's control as to the time, pace, and means of learning.
- Provides effective notice to students and their parents or guardians of the particular days for eLearning.
- Provides staff and students with adequate training for eLearning days' participation.
- Ensures an opportunity for any collective bargaining negotiations that would be legally required.
- Reviews the program as implemented to address difficulties confronted through revision or otherwise.
- Ensures that the protocol regarding general expectations and responsibilities of the program is communicated to teachers, staff, students, and parents at least 30 days prior to utilization.
- Ensures all teachers and staff who may be involved in the provision of eLearning have access to any and all hardware and software that may be required for the program.
- Will be verified by the Regional Office of Education for the school district to ensure access for all students.
- Will be implemented for a period of 3 years (2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22) prior to renewal.

ADOPTED April 30, 2019, by a roll call vote as follows:


YES: 6

NO: 0

ABSENT/OTHER: 1 Vacancy



President, Board of Education

Attest: 

Secretary, Board of Education