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Dear Parents, Guardians & Community members,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a great break. I'm very pleased to share that we did not experience an interruption in our ability to continue to provide in-person learning after the break. It is really important to understand that throughout the state school districts had to make modifications to their return to in-person learning after the break due to potential staffing challenges. This did not happen in GISU because of our faculty and staff continued professionalism, dedication to students, and flexibility. I appreciate all of their hard work and commitment to education that our faculty and staff has and encourage you to reach out and thank them for everything they are doing.

## **Michael Cain**

I'm sorry to share that Michael Cain, a long-time faculty member (Local Education Agent for Tutoned Students) for the Grand Isle Supervisory Union, passed away over the break from injuries suffered in an accident. Our thoughts are with Michael's Family.

[Obituary and Remembrance Page](#)

## **Thank you to The STEM Challenge Initiative of Vermont**

Thank you to the STEM Challenge Initiative of Vermont for the generous donation of 5 Oculus Quest 2 headsets to the GISU elementary schools. The SCIVT made the donation in memory of Eric Buel, an Alburgh Resident who served on the SCIVT board. The Oculus Quest Headsets are virtual reality equipment which will allow students to explore the world and learn in unique ways. I'm excited to share the unique and creative ways teachers use these devices in the future.

## **Thank you to Coldwell Banker Islands Realty**

Thank you to Coldwell Banker Islands Realty for the donation of \$5500 to support childhood nutrition in education throughout the Islands.

## **Community Meeting**

Tonight's Community Meeting will talk briefly about the current conditions in the state. As usual, there will be a time for community members to ask questions and share their experiences. The access to the Superintendent's weekly Community Meeting is available below.

Wednesday, January 6, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

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Thank you for working with us to support the GISU mission to ensure all members of the Grand Isle Supervisory Union Learning Community are curious, creative, courageous, and capable of pursuing their aspirations in a diverse and ever-changing world.

Sincerely,

*Michael J. Clark*

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Grand Isle Supervisory Union  
Superintendent