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Dear Parents, Guardians & Community members,

Thank you for everything you have done to help make this year successful. Throughout the year we embraced the mantra “We are in this Together” and I could not be more proud of our students, faculty, staff, administration, parents, school boards, and communities. We really supported each other and showed what being part of a small community that cares really means. As the year winds down we can all look back at what we accomplished with pride and we can look forward to the start of the school year with anticipation of what we will be able to do.

For now let me wish everyone a fantastic summer!

Last week Dr. Rob Althoff, child and adolescent psychiatrist and parent of two children at Folsom, [presented about the effects of the pandemic on the emotional health of youth and the adults who care for them at the weekly GISU Community Meeting.](#) The presentation was about 30 minutes long and well worth spending some time watching. I'd like to thank Dr. Althoff for his thoughtful presentation and I look forward to him presenting at future gatherings!

Thank you to Nurse Emily

Emily Dousevicz joined the GISU two years ago and has been a fantastic addition to our team. I'm sorry for us but happy for Emily to share Emily will be leaving the GISU for a new position at the end of June. In addition to serving as our District Nurse Emily was also our Covid Coordinator this past year. Many of you connected with Emily at the schools, the community meetings, or even through contact tracing. Please see the note below from Emily.

Dear GISU Community,

What a CRAZY year it has been! Many thanks to all of our wonderful GISU families for your flexibility, understanding and compliance to all the covid related precautions. Your involvement and diligence truly helped keep our schools safe and healthy throughout the year.

With that, I would like to share my sincere and heartfelt goodbyes as the District School Nurse to all of the amazing families throughout Grand Isle Supervisory Union. After over two years driving the island roads, I have accepted a School Nurse position at Edmunds Elementary in the Burlington School District. Thank you for all of the support, especially this CRAZY year.

In parting, if you plan to travel this summer, please remember that different states and countries have different travel regulations regarding Covid. Guidance may vary for vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals, so before you go, always check in on the most up-to-date information.

Thank you again. Please be well my friends and have a great, safe and healthy summer!

Nurse Emily

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Island Arts Partnership

Please check out this Island Arts Opportunity that the GISU is partnering with:

Oliver Jr. A rare opportunity for you to be part of a GREAT MUSICAL directed by Gina Fearn of South Hero and Amy Riley of Full Circle Theater.

You still have time to register (with full scholarship available) If you are 11-14 years old and can rehearse 7/26-8/5 and be part of the Show Dates: 8/6-8/8. Shows will be performed at the beautiful Island Arts Center, the Homer Knight Barn, 1127 US Rte 2 in North Hero. To register and/or for inquiries please email Katya Wilcox: dupasquier@aol.com or call her at 802-233-1725

Second Rounds of Student Surveillance testing

Our final round of COVID Student Surveillance Testing happened on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 and went smoothly. We tested 65 students. There were no positive cases!

Off Islands Students --Important Deadline Approaching--Please Help Us plan for Next Year

Congratulations to our CIUUSD sixth graders and our Folsom and Alburgh eighth graders as you prepare to move on to [middle/high school](#) next year. While many students know where they will be attending [middle/high school](#) next year, there are some who have not made that decision. Here is a [link to some helpful information](#), gathered by the GISU school counselors, that may help your decision making.

There are two forms that need to be filled out prior to **June 30, 2021** and sent to our central office in order for us to pay tuition for your child. One form proves that you are a resident of Grand Isle County and the other confirms where your student is attending school (tuition voucher). Unless you move, the residency paperwork is a one time requirement. On the other hand, the Tuition Voucher is an annual process until your child graduates from high school.

- [Residency Form Links](#)
 - [Alburgh](#)
 - [Grand Isle](#)
 - [Isle La Motte](#)
 - [North Hero](#)
 - [South Hero](#)
- [Tuition voucher](#) for all residents

These forms can be given to your school counselor when filled out or sent directly to David Mills, the GISU Parent Liaison. Please contact David if you have any questions or to send in the paperwork.

David Mills

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Community Meeting

The next Community Meeting will start again on August 11, 2021

Thank you for helping to ensure that all members of the GISU 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