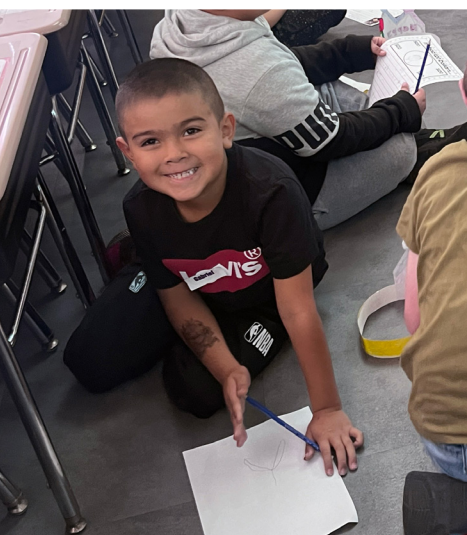




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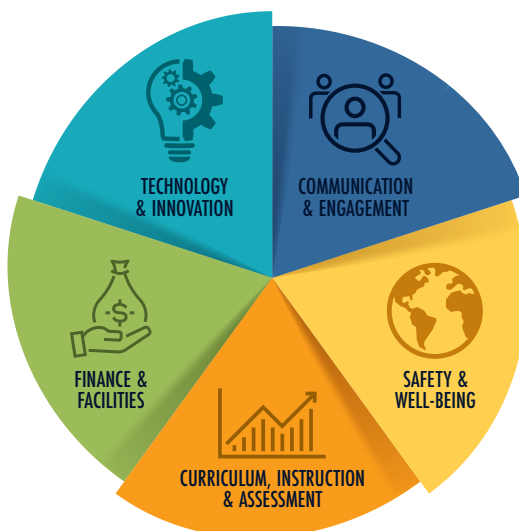
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A NOTE FROM YOUR SUPERINTENDENT

I hope this Community Update finds you well. It is a true honor to serve as your superintendent and I am proud to share some of the recent accomplishments of the Gavin 37 School District. We are dedicated to continuous improvement, as shown in these [five strategic goal areas](#):



In other exciting news, we are proud to report that each of our schools received a “Commendable” ranking by the Illinois School Board of Education this year. Read more about this at www.illinoisreportcard.com.

Read on to learn about some of our recent accomplishments, as we strive to achieve our mission to **engage, grow, and empower every learner, every day!**

—SCOTT SCHWARTZ, Ed.D.
GAVIN 37 SUPERINTENDENT

2023-28 STRATEGIC PLAN

GAVIN 37 IS CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN WORK CENTERED AROUND ACHIEVING THE STRATEGIC GOALS OUTLINED IN OUR 2023 STRATEGIC PLAN.

THESE GOALS HAVE A STRONG FOCUS ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND SAFE AND CONDUCTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS.

SOME OF THESE ADVANCEMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS ARE DETAILED ON THE FOLLOWING TWO PAGES.



TEACHING & LEARNING ADVANCEMENTS

New English Language Arts (ELA) Curriculum | Implemented in fall of 2022.

New Math Curriculum | Adopted this spring for implementation in the fall of 2024.

High Reliability Schools™ Partnership | This framework, based on 40 years of educational research, defines five progressive levels of performance that a school must master to become a high reliability school—where all students learn the content and skills they need for success in college, careers, and beyond.

Essential Staff Hiring | The addition of high-caliber staff helps to ensure our schools are better able to support our students' SEL, EL and academic needs. The district is currently searching for school psychologists, social workers, EL Teachers, and Speech Language Pathologists.



CONTINUED FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE NEW CLASSROOM FURNITURE, LIGHTING, AND A PLAYGROUND

FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

New Furniture to Support Learning Environments | At their January meeting, the Board of Education approved the recommendation of the administration to improve the learning environment in Gavin classrooms. Staff committees were formed at each building in the fall of 2023 to establish learning environments that will better support students' needs. Research also included site visits to other schools. With Board approval, the district is scheduled to have new furniture in 14 classrooms to start the 2024-25 school year, with a plan to continue the project until all learning spaces are upgraded.

Playground at Gavin Central | Staff committees planned and developed an exciting new playground at Gavin Central, set to be installed over spring break.

Central Lobby Lighting | Outdated/dim lighting was replaced with brighter and environmentally-friendly LED lighting.

Central Cafeteria Flooring | Flooring past its life expectancy was replaced with fresh vinyl floor tiles.

Internal and External Security Cameras | Additional security cameras were installed in critical areas in and around our buildings.

Parking Lots Upgraded | New pavement and restriping of our parking lots has begun and will continue this summer 2024.

Technology Upgrades | Wifi and network upgrades provide a safer and more reliable environment for staff and students.

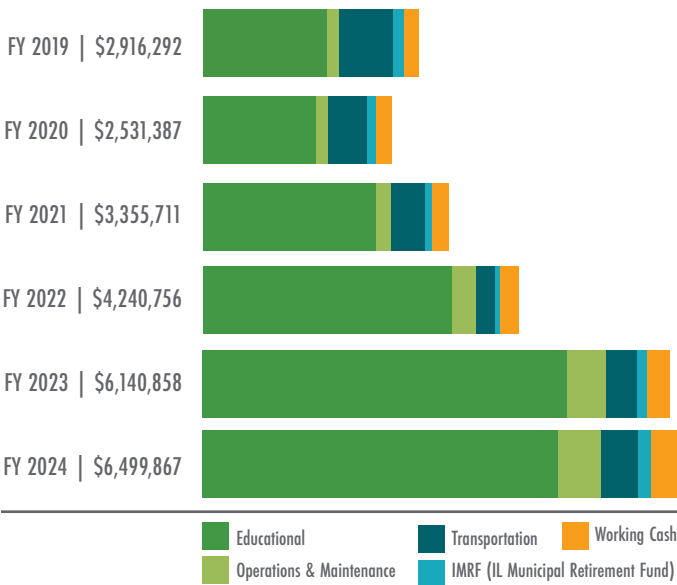
Exterior Grounds | Ongoing work is taking place to beautify our grounds, including landscaping, mulching, tree trimming, professional lawn mowing, and snow removal services, etc.

FINANCIAL HEALTH

Evidence Based Funding (EBF) is a funding formula developed by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) that supports Illinois school districts. The goal is to provide funding to schools based on need. The EBF formula is designed to provide school districts with the funds necessary to ensure they have the resources to provide a safe, rigorous, and well-rounded learning environment for all students. **Gavin 37 received \$3,602,624 for the 2023-24 school year, approximately \$400,000 more than last year.**

Fund Balance | In fiscal year 2020, Gavin 37 had a total fund balance of \$2,531,387. **For fiscal year 2024, the district has a total fund balance of \$6,499,867, with a total overall budget of \$11M.** (See chart below.)

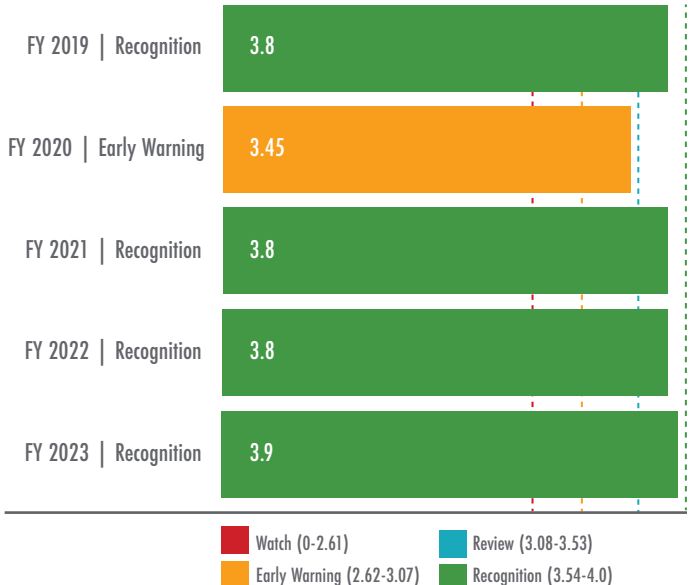
GAVIN PROJECTED YEAR-END BALANCES | SOURCE: PMS FINANCIAL NETWORK INC. 2023



692 Chromebooks Acquired | Through the Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF), Gavin 37 received new Chromebooks for students for the 2023-24 school year. These Chromebooks provide students with a 1:1 device to support their learning needs while significantly improving the district's ability to keep our students safe online.

Highest Financial Recognition by State | Thanks to dedicated financial management, Gavin 37 was rated 3.9/4.0 in the last financial audit, and earned a financial designation of "Recognized" which is the highest designation an Illinois school district can achieve. (See chart below.)

GAVIN FINANCIAL PROFILE ANALYSIS | SOURCE: PMS FINANCIAL NETWORK INC. 2023



Read more about Gavin 37 financial health and other metrics on the state's official source for information on Illinois public schools at www.illinoisreportcard.com



mission vision & values

Our Core Values

We believe that...

- Equitable opportunities are guaranteed.
- Honoring others' perspectives is a respectful way to interact.
- Everyone needs a safe environment in which to grow.
- Teamwork and flexibility among all stakeholders builds community.
- Effective, open communication shows value in all stakeholders.
- Celebrating all achievements—big and small—develops culture.
- Knowledge develops through grit and a growth mindset.
- Innovation and curiosity are hallmarks of authentic learning.

Our Mission

We engage, grow and empower every learner, every day

Our Vision

To become a showcase school district with the highest quality educational opportunities for all



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GAVIN INVOLVEMENT GROUP (GIG) EVENTS

GIG is a volunteer group who plan various fun after-school activities to enrich students' experiences. GIG also organizes

and hosts fundraisers to support these planned activities. Use this QR code to follow "[GIG for Gavin 37](#)" on Facebook.

OCTOBER

12 Donuts with GIG

27 Trunk or Treat—
Over 500 in attendance
Profit: \$600 to support students

NOVEMBER

27-30 Scholastic Book Fair—
Profit: \$4,000 in scholastic dollars

DECEMBER

16 Grinch Pancake Breakfast—
500 people in attendance;
Profit: \$1,000 to support students

JANUARY 2024

28 Wolves Game—
Over 100 Gavin families attended

FEBRUARY

9 Sweetheart Dance
Profit: \$1,640 to support students

MARCH

21 Skate on Grand

APRIL

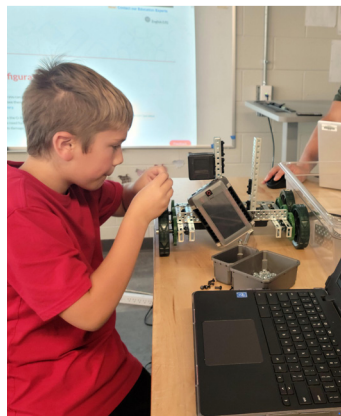
4 McTeacher night at McDonald's
22 Community Earth Day Clean Up
(TBD) Movie Night in Central Gym

MAY

(TBD) Feed My Starving Children Event
(TBD) Field Day (*Paid for by GIG*)
(TBD) Gavin South Field Trip to X-Factor (*Paid for by GIG*)
16 Playground Grand Opening and Festivities

STUDENT CELEBRATIONS

Gavin South students have the opportunity to participate in a plethora of after-school activities. Ranging from athletics to a variety of clubs, we are proud of our students' extracurricular participation.



SPORTS

Basketball
Cheerleading
Cross Country
Soccer
Track and Field
Volleyball
Wrestling

CLUBS

Art Club
Chess
Dungeons and Dragons
Gavin News Network
Gay-Straight Alliance
Jazz Band
Kindness Club
Made Matchless
Mahjong
National Junior Honor Society
Podcasting
Poetry Club
Robotics
Weight Lifting
Yearbook

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS!

This winter, Gavin had 11 wrestlers who qualified for the State sectional tournament and seven musicians who earned recognition at the Northern Illinois Music Conference Solo and Ensemble Contest.

¿Quiere recibir los boletines futuros en español?
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