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Hello Bobcat Families!

We can't wait to welcome students back to our buildings soon!

GBCS administration is proud of our school community's constant efforts toward improvement, made possible through our Strategic Planning process. The newest Strategic Plan, 2023-2028, calls for an expanded focus on safety and security. We recently used state-provided funds to have an independent security audit conducted by <a href="Security Education Consultants">Security Education Consultants</a> (SEC). The audit's findings, in part, led to the decision to switch the company that manages school security personnel for our district.

Going forward, <u>Premier Security Solutions</u> will now contract employees who perform security duties for the district. GBCS already has a successful relationship with Premier, as they provide our current armed security guards. These individuals have done a terrific job of keeping our students safe while meshing well with the people and culture of our school district. Every Grand Blanc school will now have at least one highly trained, armed Premier guard on site. Grand Blanc City and Township police and Student Resource Officers (SROs) fully support this change.

Premier is the employer of choice for retired and former law enforcement. Their employees are security professionals. Premier will provide us with people specifically chosen to serve in an educational environment. William (Bill) Lanning, Major retired after 24 years with the Genesee County Sheriff's Office, will lead the Premier Security team serving GBCS. During his career, Lanning has worked in corrections, patrol, investigations, internal affairs, narcotics, and even led GHOST (Genesee Human Oppression Strike Team) for Genesee County. He is a lifelong county resident, married with 3 sons, and looks forward to working with our Grand Blanc families and community to provide a safe educational environment for our staff and students. He can be emailed at <a href="mailto:blanning@premiersecurity.solutions">blanning@premiersecurity.solutions</a> with concerns and questions.

Security staff will still wear red GB shirts in the hallways, while the armed guards will continue to wear black Premier shirts. We anticipate this transition will be smooth for staff and students as we continue to enhance safety and security practices at Grand Blanc Schools.

Enjoy the last week of summer, and thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Dr. Trevor Alward Superintendent

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William Lanning - Major, Office of Genesee County Sheriff GBCS Security Lead

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