



May 2, 2024

GCSD Students, Staff, and Families,

At approximately 1:00pm, the School District of Glenwood City lost power similar to Glenwood City, Boyceville, and surrounding communities. Coincidentally, an Xcel Energy representative was onsite meeting with District officials and assisted with direct communication about the situation.

- At this time, GCE and GCMS staff remained in their classrooms with students and GCHS students remained in the lunch room and enjoyed their meal.
- At 1:46pm the first GCSD phone message was sent out via Skyward Alert to staff and families communicating the current situation and notifying parents to pick up children at our Tiny Tots Birth to 3 Program.
- At 2:30pm the onsite Xcel Energy representative told us it would be at least one-hour before power is restored to the area.
- At 2:35pm the second GCSD phone message was sent out via Skyward Alert to staff and families stating the following: With updated information from Xcel Energy, we have cancelled all after-school activities and have allowed GCHS students that drive leave with confirmed parent permission recorded by the classroom teacher. If they have a sibling we also allowed them to leave with parent permission. We **will not** be having an early dismissal and buses will load at their normal times. If you would like to come and pick up your child they will be excused for the remainder of the day. If your child rides a GCSD Bus they will be transported at the usual times. Please keep in mind the buses will not have as many students on them and they might get home a little earlier than usual.
- At 2:45pm the power was restored and the Non-Emergency Lockdown was cancelled. Elementary students and staff were free to use other spaces. GCMS/HS students that were still in the building were directed to move to their 7th hour class.

As stated, school will be dismissed at our normal time. Again, please be aware that GCSD buses will have less students so your child may arrive home early. **Due to the unknown nature of the power issue, Hilltopper Hangtime is cancelled for tonight. Our staff will wait onsite until your child is picked up but again please come as soon as you are able to pick up your Hilltopper Hangtime student. Finally, all after school activities will remained cancelled.**

GCSD will be open on Friday, May 3rd as usual and we look forward to having our students back in the building. Thank you to the GCSD students and staff for their patience and appropriate response to this power outage. If you have any questions please call your child's building office and we would be happy to assist.

Respectfully,

Patrick B. Olson
District Administrator