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Good afternoon, GLPS families! This is superintendent Bill Barnes. You have heard from me a lot through email over the last week, so I thought that a video might be the best way to go for our weekly update. I want to start by thanking you for your flexibility and support as we navigated the winter weather, and for the kind messages and positive responses that I got from many of you, particularly about our communication. The messages I send out are not necessarily in response to feedback or concerns; I send those because I want to be transparent with you on how we make the decisions and why. If I have to make a decision that significantly interrupts your family's routine, I think you have a right to know why I am making it, how I am making it, and what data I am using to make it. I believe that responsible leadership requires transparency; you may not always agree with my decisions, but you certainly have the right to know what goes into making them.

I also want to take this opportunity to remind all of you that January is School Board Recognition month. Our board members serve the community and GLPS by setting policies to guide the work of the district, and holding me accountable for keeping us moving forward, and I appreciate their commitment to the students, staff, and families we serve. So, if you see one of our board members, please make sure to say thank you!

Over the next couple of weeks, you will hear from me in my Friday updates about new board policies, goals tied to our strategic plan, and some new positions we have in the district to better support students. We have a lot of exciting things happening here, and I look forward to sharing some of them with you in the coming weeks. In the meantime, always feel free to reach out to me with questions, comments, or concerns. Have a wonderful weekend, and thank you for giving us the opportunity to work with your children every day. As always, I am #proudtobeacomet!