

TO: GEA Membership
FROM: GEA Executive Officers
DATE: 7/24/2020
SUBJECT: Recent Board Action & Bargaining



The Galesburg Education Association is saddened by the CUSD #205 Board of Education's decision to layoff our paraprofessionals. We all know our Paras are essential to the education of our students. While we continue teaching our students, we will be doing so without the critical support of our paraprofessionals. This is a tremendous loss for our students.

As we have stated before, our members are adamant that in-person education is by far the best for our students. In this new world, we are forced to recognize new realities. Our priority is the safety of our students and staff. However we are asked to teach, we will do so with the goal of providing the best possible education to our students with the resources we are provided in the environment we are placed in.

As many know, the collective bargaining agreement between the CUSD #205 Board of Education and the Galesburg Education Association is slated to expire July 31st, 2020. Negotiations between the two parties continue to make forward progress and we look forward to the successful completion of the successor agreement. To that end, it is the intention of the Galesburg Education Association to continue educating our students. We thank the Board for its continued efforts to reach an agreement.