

A reminder to attend the Glacial Hills Elementary School Annual Meeting to be held on Monday, February 27th with the following schedule of events:



- **5:30** A free-will donation pork sandwich dinner will be served in the cafeteria.
- **6:30 Annual Meeting** to be held in the gymnasium.

A quorum of 20% of the eligible voters is necessary to conduct business, and verify the election results.

Students will be watching a movie in Mrs. Hartokolis's room while the meeting is being conducted.

Information regarding the election of board members:

There is one position open on the school board. Below you will find information on the candidates that have chosen to run for this position.

Candidate: Vincent Copa (Incumbent)

Hi! My name is Vincent Copa and I have been the Process Engineer at the Chippewa Valley Ethanol Company (CVEC) in Benson since October 2006. I relocated from the Twin Cities, where I had held similar positions in industry for the past decade. Prior to that, I graduated from the United States Air Force Academy and spent six years on active duty navigating B-52 bombers around the world before coming to the University of Minnesota for my chemical engineering degree.

I had prior positive experiences with charter schools and had little hesitation in enrolling my three school-aged children at GHES for its inaugural year back in 2007. I was elected to the School Board in 2009, and have served as Chairman of the Board for the past two years. Although my children have graduated from GHES, I remain interested in the long term viability of the school and I have worked toward maintaining the high level of academic performance that will allow our children to succeed in their futures and the strong financial performance that will enable GHES to continue to provide a superior learning environment. I am proud of our staff, their dedication, and the accomplishments we have made together and with an eye toward the future, I am running for reelection to the School Board.

Candidate: Nathan Metz

My name is Nathan Metz. I am originally from Glenwood and am married to Jennifer, Starbuck native. We have lived in Starbuck since July 1999. We have three children, two currently enrolled in GHE and one ready for school in the fall.

I am a 1994 graduate of Minnewaska Area High School and a 1999 graduate of the University of North Dakota. I have a bachelor's degree in Education with a studied emphasis in math and science. As part of the college education I had my student teaching experience in Starbuck

Elementary in the 5th and 6th grade classrooms. After graduation I had worked as a short and long term substitute in the school district and as a part-time instructor in Starbuck's EBD classroom.

Since May of 2000 I have worked in a management position at Lake Country Replicas in Spicer, Willmar, and Hawick. My roles have been as the installation manager and construction advisor for the visual display board division and as the production manager for the fish replica division of the company.

I believe it is important for a town like ours to have an elementary school. It is good for children to be involved in the community and it is good for the community to have lively active children interacting with the town. The concerts, fundraisers, and kids walking to and from school really livens up a community. I am proud of Glacial Hills Elementary and I want it to continue to be part of the Starbuck area.