

June 2, 2022

Dear JG Community,

If you have not already heard, I am very sorry to share that Richard Reese, retired Superintendent of John Glenn Schools, passed away unexpectedly in the early hours of this past Tuesday.

Mr. Reese grew up in Tyner, IN. He was a John Glenn High School graduate and loved playing baseball and basketball for John Glenn High School. After college, Dick was a teacher in both Chester and Knox Schools, before he returned home to John Glenn as the principal of Urey Middle School. He served over twenty years as the principal of Urey before becoming the John Glenn School Corporation Superintendent. His tenure ran for almost 15 years. Mr. Reese was a true advocate for public education and community service throughout his 40-plus-year career in education and into his retirement.

Mr. Reese was always in attendance at sporting events, fine arts productions, and special activities like school fairs, and of course, Fallween! I believe Dick is often thought of like the John Glenn #1 Super Fan, because he never missed an activity, regardless of the event! He believed in helping kids and adults reach their full potential through building relationships and individualized support. He and his wife Cathy were philanthropists in the community and supported all of the different school programs in addition to many other needs that often arose at the schools or throughout the communities. Mr. Reese was also instrumental in the formation of the John Glenn Education Foundation.

Services for Mr. Richard Reese will be held at Urey Middle School. The viewing will be held on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The funeral service will be held on Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 pm.

Richard Reese was a champion of children and the community. He was a trusted advisor, a dearest friend, and a brother in Christ. He will be missed, but his legacy of doing, "what is best for kids" will not be forgotten. Join me with thoughts and prayers for the Reese Family.

With deepest condolences,

Christopher Winchell