

A visit to the Nebraska State Capitol reignited a passion for learning and civic duty for a group of Grand Island Senior High students. The GISH Superintendent Student Advisory Council students went beyond the typical fourth grade tour, as they participated in a Capitol Experience Day with Civic Nebraska. The group consists of student leaders who regularly meet with the Grand Island Public Schools superintendent to discuss how they can improve their school and district. After working with GIPS Board of Education member Lisa Albers on addressing period poverty and providing free products in school bathrooms, GISH SSAC students became more interested in how to make an impact in their community. Albers reached out to Civic Nebraska, who provided this valuable opportunity for students to experience the capitol on February 13. The day was packed with a capitol tour, observing legislative debate and a bill hearing, and a Q&A meeting with Sen. Dan Quick who represents much of the GIPS district. The GIPS Communications Team went on the trip with the students to document the immersive learning and advocacy opportunity. With the video and accompanying article, the story was able to be shared with GIPS staff district wide, all GIPS families thru the district newsletter, and with the community thru social media. All of it geared towards showcasing the meaning learning experiences and leadership opportunities our high school students gain.