

Here are some suggestions for information you could include in your letter supporting GLCPS's request for 100 additional seats.

1. GLCPS provides much-needed social emotional support to enhance student performance.
2. GLCPS meets students and families where they are to provide support and encouragement.
3. GLCPS teachers go the extra mile for students, making home visits, calls, texts, emails – whatever it takes to strengthen the home-school connection.
4. GLCPS recognizes the rapidly evolving character of the City of New Bedford and its children. The school is welcoming many more English Language Learners and Special Education students, and has recruited top-notch, specialized staff to work with these children.
5. GLCPS continues to forge partnerships with other organizations in the city to connect GLCPS students and families to important resources.
6. GLCPS promotes the use of the latest technology, with a one-to-one ratio of computers for grades 7-12, and providing computer carts for grades 5 and 6.
7. GLCPS has robust and highly effective early intervention strategies that have had an enormous impact on behavior and performance. The drop-out rate remains below 2%; suspension rates have plummeted; and attendance is consistently in the 96-97% range.