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April 17, 2017

To: Dr. Riggle, Superintendent
Board of Education

Fr: Karen Geddeis

Re: Glenbrook Stories - April 24, 2017

GBN sophomore starts nonprofit to help diabetic patients

Glenbrook North sophomore Jared Kuper overcame a scary scenario at a young age. He was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes when he was 8 years old. He went into a diabetic coma, and when he came out, he realized how drastically his life would change. Jared connected with the American Diabetes Association and educated himself the best he could while his family faced increasing medical bills.

Fast-forward 8 years; Jared is now a huge advocate for diabetic patients on both the local and national level. He traveled to Washington, D.C. this past spring break to ask Congress for increased funding in diabetes management and prevention. He also requested that Congress hold hearings on the increased cost of insulin.

Locally, he assists fellow Glenbrook North students as they're diagnosed with diabetes and just recently launched his own nonprofit, The Jared Kuper Diabetes Foundation. He says his foundation will allow him to continue his mission to "Believe, Educate and Inspire."