Directions for ViewGIFT   January 2023

View Only GIFT Setup and Procedures:
*** You will (probably) need your technology department's help with this setup ***

Setup 1…. (At Central location)
Copy GIFT to shareable location (if not already)
Extract ViewGIFT to the same location. It is OK to overwrite files – NO data loss occurs.
In GIFT, under 4. Maintenance, Run 9. Create View GIFT Data
The name of the output file is called VGIFT – do not change the name of the output file. (The output is actually 2 files, VGIFT.DBF & VGIFT.CDX)
Save the Output file to the same location as View GIFT is located.

The Main Person for data input into GIFT should run the GIFT executable.
(This person should run the Create View GIFT Data after any significant updating within GIFT.)
Other users should run the VGIFT executable.
School users can be mapped to the main location and then run the VGIFT.Exe executable.

AND – OR

Setup 2…. (At schools)
Copy the following files from the current GIFT subdirectory
School.dbf   School.cdx   District.dbf
These files only need to be copied once to the school site. The only exception would be the school files. If a school is added, removed, or renamed within GIFT, the school files will need to be copied again.
Extract ViewGIFT.Exe to the same location. It is OK to overwrite files - NO data loss occurs.
The file to run at the school site is called VGIFT.Exe.

The main copy of GIFT at the Central Location then runs the Create View Data file.
The VGIFT files (VGIFT.DBF & VGIFT.CDX) should now be saved/copied to the appropriate "ViewGIFT" directory at each school.

For the schools, the Setup 2 is the fastest running but you have to do more work to keep ViewGIFT updated. Mapping to the DO and running VGIFT was found to be acceptable (Setup 1) and much easier to administer after getting the user mapped.

***** Remember: You must not change the name of the output file from VGIFT. *****