

BOLIVAR-RICHBURG Central School



May 2021

Valedictorian



Madysen Johnson

MADYSEN JOHNSON, daughter of Colby and Trisha Johnson, has been announced as the Bolivar-Richburg class of 2021 Valedictorian, with a cumulative grade point average of 96.61%.

Madysen's academic honors and awards include: the Elmira Key Award, the University of Rochester Bausch and Lomb Science Award, National Honor Society membership, the Superintendent's Award and high honor roll throughout her high school career. She has been a first chair viola player in senior orchestra and has participated in solo festival and Area All State. Madysen is extremely passionate about animals, collecting donations and volunteering for the Allegany County SPCA. She is currently the senior class president; she had previously served as the vice president of her class for the past three years.

In the fall of 2021, Madysen plans to attend Jamestown Community College where she has obtained a USA Scholarship. She then plans to transfer on to SUNY Cobleskill to complete her Bachelor's degree in Canine Training and Management.

Salutatorian



Sarah Clark

SARAH CLARK, daughter of Gregory and Michelle Clark, will be recognized as the 2021 Salutatorian at Bolivar-Richburg's graduation ceremony on June 27, with a cumulative grade point average of 96.53%.

Sarah's academic awards and scholarships include: the DAR Daughters of the American Revolution Award, the Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award, The Elmira Key Award, the Superintendent's Award and high honor roll throughout high school.

She is a member of the National Honor Society, Science Club, Travel Club, Drama Club and Student Council. Sarah has participated in varsity track and field as well as senior choir and orchestra, having attended Area All County and solo festivals in the past. Sarah possesses a passion for creative arts and has participated in BRCS school plays and has been a member of the Olean Theater Workshop for several years.

Sarah plans to attend Ithaca College to study Cinema Production and Photography.

**We are all so very
proud of these
outstanding
young women!**

We are B-R!

Superintendent's Message

Dear Students, Parents,
Faculty, Staff, and members of the
Bolivar-Richburg Community,

Spring is here and with the warmer weather comes the end of the school year just around the corner. Every day I look back and I am proud to be serving the students, parents, and faculty of this great school district. Our mission at BRCS is as follows:



"The Bolivar-Richburg Central School District will be the most desirable district for students and staff in the Southern Tier. We will ensure academic excellence for all students regardless of their socioeconomic status, as well as instill perseverance and resilience, through rigorous programs and a supportive learning environment.

Our learning community will work collaboratively to foster a respectful, caring environment where every student is at the center of learning with endless support, opportunity, and guidance to help them become independent, life-long learners and communicators, who are cognizant of the world around them. Our school community will proudly celebrate the accomplishments of our students and staff."

This past school year we all experienced a great deal of challenges and change, but as a school district we rose to those challenges and made sure our students were still successful. Academically, we were able to bring back full-time our Pre-K through 5th grade students; because of social-distancing restriction we had our grades 6 through 12 in a hybrid model. We provided 100% of all students a 1:1 device to allow them to virtually learn from home. As a faculty and staff, we worked hard to learn new technology and software so that we could better serve our students' needs in the virtual learning year. We offered interscholastic sports with safety restrictions that allowed our students to participate safely through our school year. All of this ensures that every student succeeds—in their academics, co-curriculars, and social-emotional well-being. We hope to return to 100% in-person learning in the very near future—this is our highest priority.

Finally, I want to recognize the hard-work, sacrifice, time, and dedication of all the parents, guardians, and families who supported our students during this academic school year.

2021-2022 School Budget

Enclosed in this month's newsletter is information about our upcoming school budget vote and school board elections that will be held on May 18, from 12 noon to 8:00 p.m. We have worked hard to present a balanced budget that not only provides a quality education along with co-curricular opportunities for all our students, but at a 0% property tax increase to our residents. This year's budget preparation was a balancing act because of the difficulties we all are facing because of COVID restrictions and expenses. At the final hours of the budget negotiations in Albany, we received word that the District would be receiving additional revenues from the Federal government in the form of the "American Rescue Plan Act Funds." These funds will be used over the next three budget years to help with "learning loss recovery" and will include additional programs such as summer school and after-school programs over the next few years. I encourage you to take the time to read through the budget information provided, and to contact my office if you have any questions.

Capital Project 2022

Administration and members of the Board of Education, along with our school architects and engineers have been meeting with our faculty and staff members, along with community members to begin looking at the scope of the work for the future project. In the upcoming months you will hear more about the Capital Project 2022 and the upcoming vote this fall. This project will focus on infrastructure improvements (roofs, boilers, plumbing, and building security), as well as upgrades to music areas, locker rooms, technology areas, back stage lighting and sound, and the addition of new STEAM/technology spaces at both buildings.

In closing, I hope everyone enjoys these spring days as we look forward to a strong finish of our 2020-2021 school year. Together, we can continue to provide the best education possible for our children. It is an honor to serve this community, faculty, and staff, and most importantly, the children who you entrust to us every day.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael A. Retzlaff". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Michael A. Retzlaff
Superintendent of Schools
Bolivar-Richburg Central School District



Elementary News

Elementary Principal's Corner

Mrs. Andrea McLaughlin

As I write this letter, the sun is shining through my window, reminding me of the warm feeling the elementary learning community has developed as we bring a close to a successful 20/21 school year that was different in every way possible. As I think back upon the September start date, I have wonderful memories of all the changes we have made together as a team and the incredible support that we had from our parents to make this year a success for our children. In light of all the challenges with COVID, I hope you have noticed the remarkable progress and all the new experiences that your children have experienced over the year. From the first day of school to the last, they have become different in many ways. The students have all grown in their own way and at their own pace. Each student has brought a special spark to our school and has left their own unique footprint on our hearts as we wrap up the school year. On behalf of myself and the elementary staff at Bolivar Richburg Central School, please accept my thank you for all that you have done to support us and thank you for letting us educate your children whether in person or virtually this year. Together we do make a difference!

***Please note that due to COVID, we are still in discussion regarding the end of the year awards ceremonies, graduation, screenings, etc. at the elementary school. Please keep checking your children's backpacks, Parent Square, etc. for information on these events as they near.

Kindergarten News

Miss Hackett, Miss Perkins, Mrs. Stutzman, Mrs. Windus

We are digging into science in Kindergarten! We are learning and reading all about weather, seasons and plants. With the nice weather arriving, we are looking forward to taking our conversations and experiments outdoors to explore the world around us. We are reading more everyday with our powerful knowledge of sounds! We have a lot of exciting things in our Kindergarten Hall. One look down our hall, and you cannot miss our very own Chicka-Chicka-Boom-Boom Tree! Here, any student who masters all of their letter names and sounds receives a coconut to put on our tree. We also introduced Kindergarten Number Ninjas! Each student has their very own ninja. Our ninja masters are getting ready for first grade. When a student masters a kindergarten math concept, they receive a colored belt to place around their ninja. As we wrap up our year and suit up for Kindergarten graduation, we want to wish everyone an enjoyable and safe summer!



PreK Fun



Second Grade News

Mrs. Livingston, Mrs. Clark, Miss Perrin, Miss Gerard

Wow! It's hard to believe that the end of the school year is approaching! Second graders have been working very hard the past few months!

We just completed a Tournament of Books. Over the course of 2 weeks, students heard and voted on 16 different books, dwindling it down to the elite 8, the final four, until it finally came down to *The Day the Crayons Came Home* and *Pete the Cat: Rockin' in My School Shoes*. The final score was 21-20 with *Pete the Cat: Rockin' in My School Shoes* becoming the book of the year!

In reading, students have heard and learned about The Civil War, The Human Body, and Immigration. They enjoyed learning about their different body systems and modeling them. They have also read about a knight named Sir Gus and how his luck has gotten him through many tricky situations. Ask your child to share their favorite Sir Gus story. Second graders have also been learning about the schwa sound (it says short u, but is spelled with a or e) and different sounds and spellings with the schwa (el, al, il, tion). Students have been learning about adjectives, subjects and predicates, and the different verb tenses (past, present, future). Please continue to read together at home for at least 20 minutes every night.

In math, students have learned how to graph data using a bar graph and picture graph. Second graders can now count coins and dollar bills and solve one- and two-step word problems involving money. Students have learned how to measure in centimeters, inches, meters, and yards. Students are continually working on mastering their math facts with sums and differences within 20. Please work on math facts within 20 (both addition and subtraction) at home.

Happy Birthday to all those students who celebrated a birthday in March, April, May, June, July, and August. Have a great rest of the school year!



Fourth Grade Math News

Mrs. Perry

Fractions, fractions, everywhere! Fractions are such a big part of our daily lives, yet so many people struggle understanding them. We were lucky to have enough rainbow fraction tile sets for each student to have his/her own set to manipulate throughout the entire unit. Touching fractions, finding equivalent fractions, adding and subtracting as well as multiplying fractions was so much easier using the tiles. It also allowed the students to take what they learned from manipulating the tiles to the paper and pencil calculations with more success. Of course, now that the students have a stronger base of knowing their multiplication facts, they are finding everything else in math is much easier.

As we move forward to face the New York State Math Assessment the first week of May, we are feeling confident because we have learned many strategies to help us be successful. Our weekly spiral review homework that we have been doing since September has kept many skills fresh in our minds. We are sure to be ready to tackle anything they throw at us.

Fourth Grade Science/Social Studies News

Mrs. Hillman

What an amazing school year we continue to have! The fourth graders never cease to wow us with their hard work, perseverance, and knowledge in science and social studies. Our hard work in science has included units on the water cycle, life cycles, seasons and weather, and simple machines.

We have just wrapped up our Colonial America unit in Social Studies. We studied what life was like during this time period, and used our persuasive skills to write a letter convincing an immigrant to move to one of the 13 Colonies. The kids wrote some very impressive letters! Ask your child to share with you some persuasive techniques!

I hope you all have a very healthy and fun spring!



Fifth Grade ELA News

Mrs. Smith

ELA class has been filled with lots of reading and writing! Our guided reading groups are running smoothly, enjoying fiction and nonfiction texts. We are on Module 3A, which begins with a brief study of the importance of sports in American culture over time. The heart of this module is the whole class study of the short but challenging biography *Promises to Keep: How Jackie Robinson Changed America* by his daughter, Sharon Robinson. Students will analyze Jackie Robinson as a specific example of an athlete who served as a leader who broke barriers in society.

Our Wolverine Superheroes certainly make us proud! Congratulations to Hunter Sisson and Lucas Fanton. In order to be selected as a Superhero, students must go above and beyond to help others and show good character traits. These two students are truly deserving of this award.

As the school year ends, I would like to thank all the 5th graders for an outstanding year in ELA class. Your smiles and enthusiasm for learning will be missed. All of you can succeed, and I wish you the absolute best in 6th grade!

Fifth Grade Math News

Mrs. Dahill

As the end of the year quickly approaches, I would like to take a moment and reflect on this year's progress. The year started with a great deal of uncertainty, not knowing where students sat with their academics from last year's shut-down, what the classroom environment was going to look like, and how many times we were going to have to quarantine. With all of those obstacles laid out before us, we have managed to meet them head on, and overcome. The 5th grade math classes have absolutely amazed me. We are finished adding and subtracting unlike fractions and have moved on to multiplying and dividing fractions. While working our way through our material, we are also preparing for the NY State Math Assessment. This will take place May 4-6. Please make sure your kiddo is getting plenty of rest and reviewing their math facts.

I would like to thank all of you for sharing your amazing kids with me this year. I look forward to wrapping up the year with some exciting math activities. Keep up the good work 5th grade! I am very proud of you!

Kid's Heart Challenge 2021

The Bolivar-Richburg Elementary students and community have outdone themselves again! Even amidst a global pandemic and so many changes going on, the Kid's Heart Challenge was another success. Students surpassed last year's total that placed our district within the top 10 of the Western Region. They crushed it again this year by raising \$13,619. We had 128 students participate in the event which included challenges of drinking more water, moving more, and showing kindness to others.

A big shout out to our Top Fundraiser, Miss Zoey Galayda. She and her family raised over \$1,200. Zoey got the chance to slime a PE teacher during our Kid's Heart Challenge Assembly. Other top fundraisers were Gabriel Taylor from Kindergarten, Leah Kirnan from 1st grade, Jameslee Danaher from 2nd grade, Ethan LaFleur from 3rd grade, Alec Geist from 4th grade and Elizabeth Torrey from 5th grade. The Top fundraisers from each grade level tossed a pie in the face of a teacher during our assembly. Great job kids!

The American Heart Association also challenged our teachers to help promote the event. The teachers with the most students registered won gift cards. Mrs. Clark's and Mrs. Perry's classes topped the chart with 9 students each, followed by Mrs. Perkins, Mr. Oberst, Mrs. Bentley, Mrs. Dahill, and Mrs. Morsman who all received a gift for their classroom. Thank you to all of the teachers for their amazing support!



More photos of event on Page 5.



Kid's Heart Challenge 2021 (Continued)



Middle/High School News

Principal's Corner

Mr. Daniel Quartley

As this year is quickly coming to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to thank students, parents, guardians and community members for your patience, perseverance and support of our students and our School District during this very difficult school year. It is our hope to bring all our students back to full time in-person learning as soon as regulations allow. I certainly hope and believe that we will be back to as close to a normal schedule as possible by this September.

We do have some events coming up to look forward to at the end of the school year:

- We will have an **outdoor senior prom**, date and time to be announced.
- For those students and families that would like to participate in the **Baccalaureate Service**, the Service will be held on June 21 at 7:00 p.m. Location: Baseball Stadium.
- **Senior cook out** lunch on June 24 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- **Mandatory graduation rehearsal** on June 24 at 12:30 p.m. Location: Football Field.
- **Senior vehicle parade** on June 26 at 10:00 a.m.
- We received a lot of positive feedback about last year's outdoor graduation ceremony, so this year we will be planning another **outdoor graduation ceremony** on June 27 at 1:00 p.m. Location: Football Stadium.

Although plans may change slightly over the next few weeks, I wanted everyone to know we are moving forward with the planning of all these events.

We will be collecting one-to-one devices, device charger cords, math calculators, math charger cords, text books and library books on June 18 and June 21 throughout the school days. Please make sure your student reports to the Middle School/High School on these days with their school related equipment.

On behalf of the teachers and staff at the Middle/High School, we wish everyone a safe and successful end of the school year and a healthy and safe summer! As always, **Go Wolverines!**

Earth Science News

Ms. Renyck

Hello, everyone. We are a little late this year with the start of our weather unit, but we will make the most of it. Any season is the perfect time to delve into weather and climate. Spring is an especially appropriate time given the amount of severe weather that occurs as the warm and wet air from the Gulf of Mexico in the south heads north and the cooler, dry air from Canada continues its push toward the south. This combination of contrasting air masses renders wild weather in Tornado Alley, for example.

For those concerned about Regents preparation, please consider having your child slowly move through the end-of-chapter questions in the textbook. Whether or not we complete every concept in class, your child could be prepared for every concept by using the textbook as a supplemental resource. (The textbook is aligned with the Regents curriculum, and every end-of-chapter question was once on a Regents exam.) I will gladly review your child's answers with them.

As long as we remain in hybrid, my Zoom classes for fully remote students occur on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday unless stated otherwise in the daily Teams announcement (and there is a DAILY Teams announcement). Happy Spring to all of you.



Senior Cook-Out

Senior cook-out lunch will be on
Thursday, June 24 from
11:30-12:30 behind the
high school at the concession
stand (weather permitting)
prior to graduation rehearsal.



June 2021 BRCS Regents Exam Schedule

June 17 Thursday	June 18 Friday	June 21 Monday	June 22 Tuesday	June 23 Wednesday	June 24 Thursday
8:05 a.m.	8:05 a.m.	8:05 a.m.	8:05 a.m.	8:05 a.m.	8:05 a.m.
ELA	NONE	Spanish 3	Living Environment (Biology)	Algebra I	Earth Science
11:45 a.m.	11:45 a.m.	11:45 a.m.	11:45 a.m.	11:45 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

Note: All morning exams will run from 8:05–11:05 a.m. in the Lower Gymnasium. **Please realize that Regents examinations cannot be given at a time or date other than listed above according to New York State regulations. Please avoid making appointments and vacation plans on Regents examination days.**

IMPORTANT: According to NYS Education Department regulations, no student may be admitted to a morning exam after 10:00 a.m. or after 2:00 p.m. for an afternoon exam. In addition, no student may leave a morning exam before 10:00 a.m. or an afternoon exam before 2:00 p.m. This policy is to assure that no students may share any test information.

Federal ESSA law (Every Student Succeeds Act) requires that these exams be given. NYSED (New York State Education Department, has waived all of the other Regents examinations out of safety and consideration of the educational hardships presented by the pandemic for both students and staff this year. A student must pass the course that corresponds to a specific Regents exam by August 31, 2021 in order to receive a Regents “E” exemption. There will be **no** August Regents exams given this summer.

Last Day of School

Monday, June 21 will be the last day of classes for grades 7-12. Sixth graders will attend full days through Tuesday, June 22 and attend half days on June 23 and 24.

Graduation will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 27, 2021. The tentative location is the football field. More information to come as soon as the specifics can be determined. (If you have need of special seating for family members who are wheelchair-bound, please call the main office to make reservations at 928-2901.)



MANDATORY GRADUATION REHEARSAL FOR SENIORS WILL BE AT 12:30 ON THURSDAY, JUNE 24 on the football field. You must attend rehearsal to participate in graduation. Masks will be required.





Cost: \$70.00 (Cash or check made out to BRCS.)
Sign up in the Guidance Office by June 16.

You must be at least 16 years old and have your Learner's Permit **before** the start of class. Due to New York State pandemic recommendations, the **CLASS** portion of driver ed. will be offered as a virtual Zoom class where daily attendance will be taken. The actual **DRIVING** instruction will be completed and logged by parents and guardians. More specific info will be available to students who signed up for driver ed. soon.

Cyberbullying Tips: *Stop-Copy-Block-Save!* *Teaching Digital Citizenship*

If your student is experiencing distress on-line there are some immediate steps you can take.

Stop-Copy-Block-Save ARE THE FIRST THINGS YOU SHOULD DO

- **Stop** means immediately cease interaction with that individual on-line.
- **Copy** means create a copy or record of the suspect interaction, whether predatory or harassing in nature. Oftentimes screenshotting and emailing the screenshot to yourself is the easiest way to achieve this.
- **Block** means taking whatever actions you can to eliminate contact. Delete compromised or hacked accounts, block suspicious accounts and report individuals to on-line authorities.
- **Save** is a reminder to keep a saved copy of these interactions for your own records. Once these immediate steps have been taken, parents and guardians can contact the proper authorities. Also, please remind your student to not share their usernames and passwords with others. Be safe and prevent issues from occurring!

**SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT
PROGRAM (SYEP) APPLICATIONS
ARE AVAILABLE IN THE GUIDANCE
OFFICE AND ON THE GUIDANCE
WEBSITE FOR STUDENTS AGES 14-21
AND ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, APRIL 30.**

Grade 6-12 Course Selection for Next Year

Parents of students in grades 6-12, please make sure to sign and return your child's schedule request form to show proof that you approve of the courses selected for next school year to the guidance office.

As always do not hesitate to call or e-mail the guidance and counseling office to discuss any academic, social/emotional, career, military or college questions or concerns regarding your child. We would love to meet with you as well in person!

Guidance Office Phone: 928-2986

Mrs. Crandall-Bean, Grades 10-12 Counselor
928-2985

ccrandallbean@bolivarrichburg.org

Mrs. Swartwout, Grades 6-9 Counselor
928-2915

cswartwout@bolivarrichburg.org

6-12 Summer School

BRCS plans to offer on-line APEX summer school classes here at the Bolivar campus for middle and high school students on Tuesdays through Thursdays, July 13 through August 12 from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Bussing will be provided to and from the Bolivar campus from designated pick up locations. Your child's counselor will contact you via our Global Connect calling system if your child is required or recommended to attend summer school. More information to come....

College, Career and Military T-Shirt Day

COLLEGE, CAREER AND MILITARY T-SHIRT DAY WILL BE Wednesday, May 20 and Thursday, May 21 for seniors, faculty, and staff! Wear a shirt that represents your future plans after graduation—your college, military branch, or your future employer.

Celebration Vehicle Parade

The Class of 2021 celebration vehicle parade is tentatively set for Saturday, June 26 at 10:00 a.m. (More info to come.) We hope to see you line the Bolivar and Richburg streets to cheer on our seniors!



Stay Up-to-Date!

PLEASE CHECK THE GUIDANCE WEBPAGE FOR INFO ON DRIVER ED, REGENTS EXAMS, SCHOLARSHIP, COLLEGE AND CAREER NEWS, ETC.

**Memorial Day Weekend - No School on Friday,
May 28 through Monday, May 31, 2021**



2021-2022 Budget Information

Notice of Annual Budget Hearing, Annual Meeting, Budget Vote and Election Bolivar-Richburg Central School- Towns Of Bolivar, Little Genesee, Wirt, West Clarksville, Alma and Cuba County Of Allegany, New York

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing of the qualified voters of the Bolivar-Richburg Central School District, Allegany County, Bolivar, New York will be held in the secondary building in said District on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. prevailing time, for presentation of the budget, available in the said District location seven days before the budget hearing.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Annual Meeting and Election of the Bolivar-Richburg Central School District in the Towns of Bolivar, Little Genesee, Wirt, West Clarksville, Alma and Cuba, Allegany County, New York will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, between the hours of 12 noon and 8 p.m., prevailing time, in the Bolivar-Richburg Secondary School, located at 100 School Street, Bolivar, NY 14715, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by paper ballots on the budget for the 2021-2022 school year, electing three (3) members of the Board of Education for three year terms to commence on July 1, 2021, and the following three (3) propositions, as well as any other matters as may be lawfully presented at the meeting:

PROPOSITIONS

Proposition 1 – Annual Budget:

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the budget for the Bolivar-Richburg Central School District for the fiscal year 2021-2022 as presented by the Board of Education is hereby

approved and adopted and the requisite portion thereof will be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District to be levied and collected as required by law.

Proposition 2 – Purchase of Three (3) School Buses:

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the Bolivar-Richburg Central District in Allegany County, New York is hereby authorized to purchase three (3) new school buses for use in the transportation program of the District, at an estimated maximum cost of \$415,000.00 from the Bolivar-Richburg Central School District Capital (Transportation) Reserve Fund.

Proposition 3 – Library Taxes:

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

To approve an increase in the support of the Genesee Library, Little Genesee, New York, a free association library, by \$10,927.25 for a total of \$38,246.00, authorizing the School District to levy and collect taxes in the School District for the payment thereof.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the election of members of the Board of Education shall be held to fill three (3) at-large vacancies on the Board created by the expiration, on June 30, 2021, of the terms of Board members Erin Baldwin, Heather Iantorno, and Jody McLaughlin. The candidates receiving, respectively, the largest, second-largest and third-largest number

of votes shall each be elected to three-year terms commencing upon election and expiring on June 30, 2024.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of budget or statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for 2021-2022, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the District during the 14 days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting and Vote, except Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, and on the day of the Annual Meeting and Vote, at the office of the District Clerk or any District schoolhouse during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be nominated by petition. Petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the District Clerk at her office in the Secondary School between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., not later than the thirtieth day preceding the Annual Meeting and Vote, no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 19, 2021. Each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District and must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District and must state the name and residence of each candidate.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots for the Annual Meeting and Vote may be obtained between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday,

except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, from the District Clerk. Completed applications to request absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter or no later than the day before the election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time on Tuesday, May 18, 2021. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the District Clerk, where it shall be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., until the day set for voting, except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. No absentee ballot will be canvassed and counted unless it is received in the office of the District Clerk prior to 5:00 p.m. prevailing time on May 18, 2021.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that military voters who are qualified voters of the District, including eligible family members, must submit a separate application for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk. Along with the application for a military ballot, military voters, including eligible family members, may designate a preference for receiving the application by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail. If no preference is given, the military ballot application will be transmitted to the military voter by mail. The military ballot

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application must be received in the office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 22, 2021.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote at said annual vote and election. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen years of age or older, and (3) resident within the School District for a period of 30 days next preceding the annual vote and election. The School District may require all persons offering to vote at the budget vote and election to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law §2018-c. Such form may

include a driver’s license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the School District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name, and address.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with §§2035 and 2008 of the State Education Law, any referenda or propositions to amend the budget, otherwise to be submitted for voting at said election, must be filed with the Bolivar-Richburg Central School Board of Education at the Secondary building on or before April 19, 2021 at 5 p.m. prevailing time;

must be typed or printed in English, must be directed to the Clerk of the School District and signed by at least 16 qualified voters of the District and must state the name and residence of each signer. However, the Bolivar-Richburg Central School Board of Education will not entertain any petition to place before the voters any proposition the purpose of which is not within the powers of the voters to determine, or any proposition which fails to include a specific appropriation where the expenditure of monies is required by the proposition.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the District is closely monitoring all current and future legal

developments as they pertain to the District election and budget vote as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 health pandemic. Thus, the deadlines and procedures stated herein may change as required by law or consistent with further state guidance. All District residents are encouraged to closely monitor the District’s website at: www.brcs.wnyric.org for the most up-to-date information concerning the District’s annual vote.

BY:
Connie P. Emery
Clerk, Board of Education
Bolivar-Richburg
Central School
100 School Street
Bolivar, NY 14715

BUDGET VOTE

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

Bolivar-Richburg Middle/High School - Room 113 from Noon - 8:00 p.m.
BRCS • 100 School Street, Bolivar, NY 14715 • 585-928-2591
Please enter the building near the playground entrance to vote.

For a home assessed at \$50,000

Assessed Value.....	\$50,000
STAR Exemption	\$30,000
Net Assessment	\$20,000
Estimated 21-22 tax rate per \$1,000	\$14.23*
Estimated 20-21 tax on property	\$284.55
Increase/Decrease from 20-21	\$1.10

**Includes support for Library Tax Levy*

For a home assessed at \$100,000

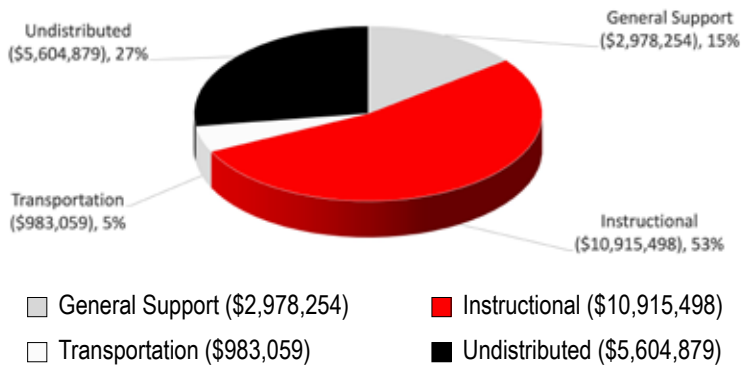
Assessed Value.....	\$100,000
STAR Exemption	\$30,000
Net Assessment	\$70,000
Estimated 20-21 tax rate per \$1,000	\$14.23*
Estimated 20-21 tax on property	\$995.91
Increase/Decrease from 20-21	\$3.84

**Includes support for Library Tax Levy*

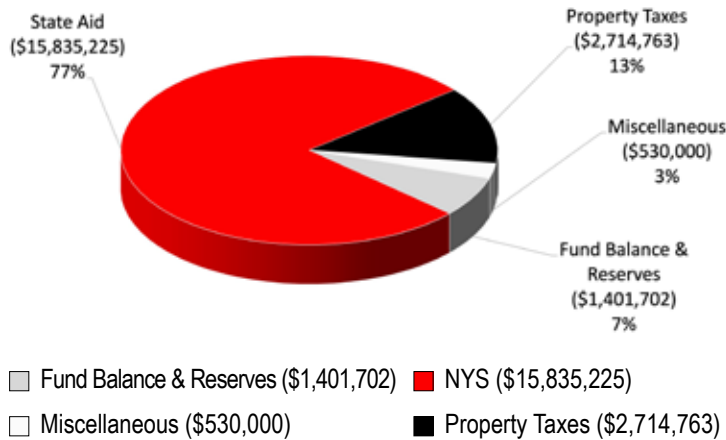
****Above estimates are based on Full Value Tax Rates and assessments as of August 2020**



2021-2022 Expenditures



2021-2022 Revenues



Voting Qualifications

To be a qualified voter you must be:

- A citizen of the United States;
- At least 18 years of age by May 18, 2021;
- A resident of the Bolivar-Richburg Central School District for at least 30 days prior to the vote.

School Board Candidates

The following candidates are running for the Board of Education. Three (3), three-year terms will be expiring on June 30, 2021. The three candidates with the highest number of votes will be elected. If less than three candidates are nominated for positions on the Board of Education, the remaining vacancy/ vacancies will be filled by the individual(s) with the most write-in votes. (Please vote for up to three candidates.)

- ☐ Erin Baldwin
- ☐ Michelle Clark

2021-22 Property Tax Report Card is available for viewing on the Bolivar-Richburg Central School website at: www.brccs.wnyric.org

YOUR OWN TAXES DEPEND UPON THREE MAIN FACTORS:

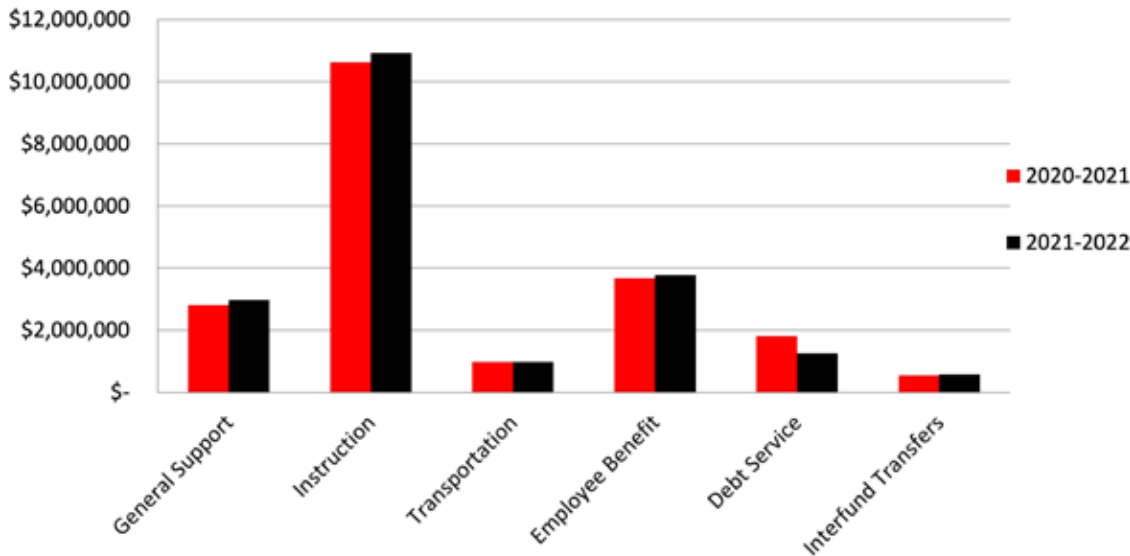
1. Which town you live in within the district
2. The change in your property assessments and final equalization rates
3. Your participation in Basic STAR or Enhanced STAR

2021-2022 Estimated Revenues

	20-21 Adopted Budget	21-22 Proposed Budget	% of Total Revenues
Real Property Taxes	\$2,714,763	\$2,714,763	13.25%
Total Interest	\$112,000	\$62,000	0.30%
Sale of Property/Equipment	\$4,500	\$43,000	0.21%
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$301,000	\$340,000	1.66%
State Aid	\$15,845,954	\$15,835,225	77.31%
Federal Medicaid Reimbursement	\$85,000	\$85,000	0.42%
Interfund Revenue (Reserves)	\$786,702	\$801,702	3.91%
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$600,000	\$600,000	2.93%
Total Estimated Revenues	\$20,449,919	\$20,481,690	100%



2020-2021 and 2021-2022 Expense Comparison



Chapter 436 of the Laws of 1997 amends various sections of law concerning authorization of expenditures and indebtedness in central, union free, common and small city school districts. The provisions of the statute are further defined in Section 170.8 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. This law requires districts to divide the budget into three components: administrative, program, and capital.

	2020-21 Adopted: Three Part Budget			2021-22 Proposed: Three Part Budget		
	Admin.	Program	Capital	Admin.	Program	Capital
Board of Education	\$16,768			\$17,900		
Central Administration	\$213,647			\$223,566		
Finance	\$223,588			\$237,538		
Legal Services		\$20,000			\$20,000	
Personnel	\$308,345			\$352,275		
Public Information	\$55,386			\$56,260		
Operation of Plant			\$1,010,846			\$1,084,200
Maintenance of Plant			\$196,949			\$196,025
Other Central Services	\$454,719			\$473,741		
Refund of Taxes			\$3,000			\$3,000
Other Special Items	\$310,604			\$313,749		
Curriculum Development & Supervision	\$96,538	\$64,374		\$96,538	\$50,317	
Supervision Regular School	\$410,573			\$418,997		
Instruction		\$10,054,484			\$10,349,646	
Purchase of Buses			\$ -			\$ -
Other District Transportation		\$891,261			\$893,359	
Garage Building		\$88,000			\$89,700	
Employee Benefits	\$411,418	\$2,984,691	\$273,043	\$423,810	\$3,060,900	\$293,385
Debt Service			\$1,813,685			\$1,251,784
Interfund Transfers		\$545,000			\$575,000	
TOTAL	\$2,501,586	\$14,650,810	\$3,297,523	\$2,614,374	\$15,038,922	\$2,828,394

BUDGET PROPOSITIONS

Proposition 1 - Annual Budget:

To adopt the annual budget of the Bolivar-Richburg Central School District in the amount of \$20,481,690.00 for the fiscal year 2021-2022 as presented by the Board of Education is hereby approved and adopted and the requisite portion thereof will be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District to be levied and collected as required by law.

Proposition 2 - Purchase of Three (3) School Buses:

To approve the resolution adopted on February 2, 2021 by the Board of Education of the Bolivar-Richburg Central School District in Allegany County, New York authorizing the transfer to purchase three (3) new school buses for use in the transportation program of the District, at an estimated maximum cost of \$415,000.00 from the Bolivar-Richburg Central School District Capital (Transportation) Reserve Fund.

Proposition 3 - Library Taxes:

To approve an increase in the support of the Genesee Library, Little Genesee, New York, a free association library by \$10,927.25 to a total of \$38,246.00 and authorizing the Bolivar-Richburg Central School District to levy and collect taxes in the School District for the payment thereof.

Important Information Regarding the 2020-21 School Budget Vote

The 2021-2022 Budget Hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 6 p.m. in the Auditorium.



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***Bolivar-Richburg Central School Teacher
Receives National Excellence Award***

Congratulations to Patricia Eshelman for receiving the 2021 National Excellence in Teaching about Agriculture Award.

The award is sponsored by the National Agriculture in the Classroom Organization, U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture and Farm Credit. These organizations partner each year to honor teachers in Pre-K through 12th grade from around the country for the innovative ways they use agricultural concepts to teach reading, writing, math, science, social studies, STEM, STEAM and more.

Eshelman has taught at Bolivar-Richburg since 1999; her current schedule includes courses in Living Environment/Biology, Sustainable Living, and Agriculture. She also oversees the Wolverine Environmental Education (WEE) Center, an agricultural learning center offering students opportunities to experiment with various agricultural technologies. Eshelman serves on the Board of Directors for the Allegany Agricultural Society, oversees a 4H Club of about 20 members, and serves on the board of the Alfred Farmers Market. "I was extremely surprised to win the award," said Eshelman, "There are many talented teachers who deserve recognition. I also know that I am attaining success with the WEE Center because of support both in and out of school. Other teachers have worked on physical improvements to the Center and to provide feedback and suggestions. Community support, from local colleges to agricultural organizations to businesses and individuals with agricultural knowledge, has been central to the WEE Center's success."

This is the second recognition Eshelman has received this school year. In November, she was named Teacher of the Year by New York Agriculture in the Classroom for the ways she prioritizes relevant and engaging cross-curricular learning experiences throughout her curriculum.

Eshelman joins seven other teachers from across the United States who also received the national award. Each recipient will be honored at the 2021 National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference "Fields of Dreams" June 28-July 1 at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines, Iowa.



***Tracie Middleton, SNS, Earns Top
Designation in School Nutrition***

Tracie Middleton, Cafeteria Manager at BRCS, achieved her Level 4 Certificate in School Nutrition from the School Nutrition Association (SNA).

This distinction recognizes Tracie as a professional who holds the highest certification offered by the SNA. To earn the Level 4 Certificate, Tracie was required to complete 146 hours of continuing education over a span of five years. (She completed it in four years!) The continuing education was comprised of courses in nutrition; food safety and sanitation; cafeteria/kitchen operations; and administration, communication, and marketing.

Tracie serves as the Western Area Director of the New York School Nutrition Association where she acts as a liaison for the ten Counties in Western New York at the State level. This is an elected position that she has held for the past three years. She is also Vice President of the Allegany-Cattaraugus School Nutrition Association and Area Director Chair for New York School Nutrition Association.

"With America focused on good nutrition, wellness and food safety," commented Reginald A. Ross, SNA President, "it is important more than ever for every school district to have a staff member who has earned a SNA certificate that demonstrates our shared commitment for a well-rounded quality program which advances good nutrition for all children."

We are grateful to have someone with Tracie's commitment to good nutrition, wellness, and food safety serving at BRCS! Congratulations!



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