

BOLIVAR-RICHBURG Central School



May 2022



CLASS OF 2022



Valedictorian

Jessica Majot

Salutatorian

Ryan Greeson

JESSICA MAJOT, daughter of Paul and Shari Majot, has been announced as the Bolivar-Richburg class of 2022 Valedictorian, with a cumulative grade point average of 98.84%.

Jessica has received numerous academic honors and awards including: the Alfred University Scholar Award, the University of Rochester Bausch and Lomb Science Award, the RIT Innovation and Creativity Award, RIT Performing Arts Scholarship, DAR Daughters of the America Revolution Award, the RPI Medal, SAT and ACT Club and the Clarkson Achievement Award. She is a National Honor Society member who scored 1450 on the SAT and has received the Superintendent's Award and high honor roll throughout her entire high school career.

In terms of extracurricular activities, Jessica plays violin in the senior high orchestra and has participated in Solo Festival, All County, and Zone 1 Area All State multiple years. She has also been the piano accompanist for the senior high choir. Jessica is a three-sport varsity athlete and captain of the soccer, basketball and softball teams who has been recognized with several athletic awards, especially for her softball talent. Jessica also devotes her time and talents to the Olean Synergy travel softball team. She is the Student Council Treasurer and is in the BRCS Climate Action Group and the Language Club.

In the fall of 2022, Jessica will attend either RIT or Alfred University to study engineering and play NCAA Division III softball. She plans to pursue an engineering career at NASA.

RYAN GREESON, son of Jonathan and Laurie Greeson, will be recognized as the 2022 Salutatorian at Bolivar-Richburg's graduation ceremony on June 26th, with a cumulative grade point average of 96.07%.

Ryan's academic awards and honors include: the RIT Computing Medal, the University of Rochester Xerox Award for Innovation and Information Technology, the Clarkson Leadership Award, the Presidential Scholarship given by Xavier University worth \$100,000, a score of 1300 on the SAT, the Superintendent's Award, high honor roll throughout high school. He is also a member of the National Honor Society. Ryan has played a variety of winter sports, as well as Varsity Golf, and devotes significant time and energy volunteering at his church, Crosstown Alliance Wellsville Campus.

Ryan plans to attend the prestigious Xavier University to pursue a degree in Computer Science.

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

We are B-R!

School will be closed Friday, May 27, and Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day.

A Letter from the Elementary Principal

Mrs. Duke

I can't believe it, but the end of the year is quickly approaching! First and foremost, thank you to the Bolivar-Richburg community for your continued support as I come to the close of my first year as your Elementary Principal.

With the end of the school year in sight, we begin to see changes in student behavior. Students begin to become a little more relaxed with expectations, homework is forgotten, and students become tired with the increase in after-school activities. Teachers will be expected to continue rigorous instruction through June and to remind students that they are looking for their best behavior in all settings. We are proud of our students' accomplishments this year and will encourage them to continue doing their best through June.

We look forward to celebrating the end of the year with you and your child and hope to see you at one of the upcoming events:

- May 12 - Chorus Concert: Grades K-2 at 9:30 a.m., Grades 3-5 at 6:00 p.m.
- June 1-2 - Pre-K registration
- June 6 - 4th Grade NYS Science Test (Written)
- June 10 - Elementary School Field Day
- June 20 - Juneteenth, **NO SCHOOL**
- June 21 - Elementary Academic Awards Assembly, Grades 4-5, 1:00 pm
- June 22 - 5th move-up day, 8:30 a.m.; 5th Graders to High School
- June 22 - Early dismissal at 10:50 a.m.
- June 23 - Kindergarten Graduation, 9:00 a.m. (Elementary Gym)
- June 23- Last day for Grades K-5; Report Cards issued; Early dismissal at 10:50 a.m.

Several grades also have field trips coming up. Please make sure to check folders and return permission slips promptly.

Have a great summer!

Elementary Announcements

As of March 21, the announcements at BR Elementary have gone digital! Under the direction of Ms. McClellan, the announcements are being recorded each day with a team of 4th and 5th graders. Students can fill a number of on-camera or off-camera roles as they meet each day to recording the next day's announcements. Students are even making all the graphics for each day's announcements. This is STEAM learning in action at BR!



Full Day Pre-K News: Happy Spring!

Miss Glover and Mrs. Mitchell

The last few months have gone so fast! We cannot believe it's April already! The Pre-K students have been super busy learning all sorts of new things in school!

In February, we celebrated the 100th day of school. It was so much fun either dressing up as a 100-year-old or designing a 100th day shirt. Everyone looked amazing at our 100-day celebration. The students celebrated by making 100-piece necklaces, 100 licks on a sucker, and a 100th day party. In March, we had so much fun celebrating St. Patrick's Day wearing green and listening to leprechaun stories. In April, the students had an eggcellent time celebrating Easter with an egg hunt and dyeing Easter eggs!

Pre-K learned all about plants in March and April. The students learned all about different types of plants, parts of a plant, basic needs of plants, as well as why plants are important in our lives. We had a fruit and vegetable taste testing when we read the book A Fruit is a Suitcase for Seeds by Jean Richards. It was so interesting to see what the students liked and disliked. This was an exciting unit for the students as they were able to plant seeds and watch them grow. The classes also used the fruits and vegetables to make prints with paint. We made beautiful sunflowers to decorate the hall. In math, we finished working on numbers 0 to 10. The students worked very hard on writing, identifying, and counting out groups up to 10.

In May and June, we will be working on our habitats unit in reading. We will be working on measurement and patterns in math. Mrs. Mitchell and Miss Glover are planning an exciting end of the year countdown. The students will have so many fun activities leading to the end of Pre-K! We will be so sad to say good-bye to our Pre-K friends! It has been such a remarkable year! We hope everyone has a great summer!!



Kindergarten News

Miss Hackett, Mrs. Stutzman and Mrs. Windus

Kindergarten has been lucky to have older students (3rd and 4th graders) visit our classrooms to read to us, help us to get ready in the morning, and get started with our morning work. We were also thankful to be invited by Mrs. Eshleman at the high school for Maple Day and for having Mrs. Judy Johnson visit us each month with a story and some good books.

We are digging into farms in Kindergarten! We are learning and reading all about what is on a farm. With the nice weather arriving, we are looking forward to our first field trip that we have taken in a couple of years! This field trip expands our knowledge of farms further as we see the animals in the real world. Kindergarten is exploring careers and thinking about what they may want to be when they are older.

As we wrap up our year and suit up for Kindergarten graduation, we want to wish everyone a fun and safe summer!





First Grade News: Visit to the Challenger Learning Center

Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Ormsby, Mrs. Ordway, Miss Perkins

At the end of March, first graders travelled to Allegany, NY to spend the day at the Challenger Learning Center. Before visiting, first graders worked hard learning about space, including different constellations, planets, the moon, and what causes night and day, along with the different phases of the moon. This field trip provided an excellent hands-on learning experience!

Students got to be astronauts, scientists, and engineers throughout the day. They experienced a space shuttle simulation where they donned helmets and gloves. When they landed they got to check

out a new planet and determine if it is safe for humans to live on. They got busy digging through rocks, looking for animals, signs of water, plants, and shelter. Students found spiders, shells, and many other small creatures! The astronauts decided to tell NASA that they should investigate the planet more.

Before entering the lab as scientists, students put on lab coats and then participated in different experiments where they had to follow directions and use math to help them complete the experiments. From sorting and classifying bugs, to naming constellations, to weighing different objects scientists had to work together to be successful.

Lastly, students got to be engineers as they studied light that reflects and refracts and thought of different objects in everyday life that reflects or refracts. They got to observe how mirrors reflect light. Students also learned about sun dials and got to make one themselves, using a flashlight to imitate the sun to show what time it is using the sun dial.

Exclamations of "I want to be an astronaut!" and "This is awesome!" could be heard throughout the Challenger Learning Center.



Second Grade

Mrs. Livingston, Miss Gerard, and Mrs. O'Neil

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 with First Grade. 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 Book With No Pictures* and *There's a Dragon in Your Book*. The winner of the Tournament of Books is *The Book With No Pictures*!

In reading, students have heard and learned about The Civil War, The Human Body, Immigration, and Fighting for a Cause. 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!

Continue to work hard and finish the year strong!



BRES Reading Challenge Vending Machine is Revealed!

There has been quite a stir in the elementary building since a new vending machine was revealed to students at the March PAW assembly. Each month, the students who return their reading calendars (Grades PreK-3) or submit their reading minutes to Teams (Grades 4-5) and reach their goal will receive a token. Students can then redeem their tokens for a book of their choice out of the vending machine.

Keep an eye out, because there are many new fun and exciting ways students will be able to earn tokens to redeem for books!



Third Grade News

*Mr. Butler, Mrs. Hackett,
and Miss Pierce*

Third grade students participated in a Social Emotional Learning Day on Friday, April 1. They enjoyed the movie *Inside Out* while learning about their emotions and how to make sure they do not get too big. Students were also blessed to have a guest speaker talk to them about dealing with emotions and how to bring them back to a level that is manageable. They participated in team building exercises to help them work together and build up their problem-solving skills. They also learned what it means to be a good friend and partner in school.

Of course, April 1 was also April Fool's Day. Ask your son or daughter about the pranks in their room.



Elementary PE Corner

Mrs. Auman and Mr. Pettit

Students in the elementary school are learning about the foundational skills of skating in their Physical Education classes. Last week, the 5th grade students had the opportunity to help our PK students while skating. Thank you 5th graders for sharing your expertise and being great models for our littles.



Fourth Grade ELA

Mrs. Glauser

After two years of Covid, quarantines, and social distancing, it is so nice to be mask-free and able to see your children's beautiful faces! They took the ELA state test at the end of March, stayed focused, and did their best. I am SO proud of them! We have recently wrapped up our ELA unit about the American Revolution and are now learning about the Suffrage Movement with leaders such as Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony. We are exploring questions such as "What makes a leader of change?" and "How many people does it take to make change?" Lively discussions about equal and civil rights are happening with a classroom library full of books about other key leaders in American history such as Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, Helen Keller, Harriet Tubman, and so many more! In April we begin reading *The Hope Chest* by Karen Schwabach together. It's a historical fiction novel about a young girl, Violet, who goes on a journey to find her older sister who is off fighting for women's right to vote. Along the way, Violet runs into a myriad of characters who are suffragists and socialists. It is fast-paced and action-packed. I'm sure your children will enjoy it just as much as I do!

Fourth Grade Math

Miss Ferris

What an exciting year we have had so far in fourth grade math! We are just wrapping up our unit on fractions and completing the state test. Everyone has been truly working their hardest! We will then be moving into the exciting world of decimals. We have a lot of fun activities planned to finish out this school year and to ensure that these fourth graders are ready for fifth grade! We are ready for warmer weather and to complete fourth grade on a high note!

Fourth Grade Science & Social Studies

Mrs. Bentley

Fourth graders have been very busy in science! We have been to the Challenger Learning Center and to the Seneca Iroquois Museum. We planted paperwhite bulbs where we were able to observe the process of a plant from root to flower. We observed how they grew and learned quickly how much water it takes to keep a plant alive! We also had some live crayfish in the classroom and observed

them daily. The kids took turns feeding them throughout the few weeks, which is a pretty lengthy process. Crayfish cannot have their food left where they live, so a few brave souls had to catch them and put them in their feeding stations. At the end of our unit, we walked out to the creek and sent them on their way. The kids got to name them and say goodbye as they went. The students also got to go into a Star Lab. With some help from Mr. Feuchter at BOCES, we were able to go inside of a giant dome where the kids sat under the stars and learned all about how seasons worked! Also,



in class we are using a vertical tower garden to observe seeds. It is a large tower that holds little seed pods that has constant water and light to enhance growing. We are starting out with some simple flowers, and then going for some veggies to grow and eat. We are hoping that we can get a school garden growing soon. Next in science, we will be learning about different types of waves, and reviewing for the science state tests at the end of May. We really were busy the past few months and plan on continuing the fun!

Fifth Grade ELA

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 PAWS" recipients certainly make us proud! Congratulations to Morgan Whitsell and Jacob Skinner. To be selected, students must go above and beyond to help others and show good character traits. PAWS stands for: Patience & Kindness, Awesome Attitude, Working Together, and Staying in Control and Being Safe. These two students truly deserve 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

Mrs. Greene

It's hard to believe the school year is almost over. I want to wish all my 5th grade math students a great summer and wish you all the best in 6th grade. I have enjoyed having you as one of my math students. Have a fun, safe summer! Math Rocks!

Fifth Grade Science & Social Studies

Mrs. Hillman

Wow! What a busy and fun time we have been having in science and social studies; it is hard to believe our school year is wrapping up. In our science class, we have been focusing on ecosystems and looking at the importance of all living organisms. We have had a lot of fun looking at all of the diverse organisms on our Earth. Ask your child to share with you some of the organisms we have learned about.

In social studies, we have been studying European exploration and its effects. Your child has done several research projects including one on a famous French explorer. Ask your child to share with you some facts of his/her explorer.

Our "Wolverine PAWS" winners are always making us proud. Congratulations to our winners, Ava Pettit and Xavier Neal. Keep up that PAWS Worthy behavior!

Elementary Music

Mr. Keir

Concert Announcement: All are invited to come to the Bolivar-Richburg Elementary Spring Concert on Thursday, May 12, at the Richburg building. Kindergarten through second grades will perform at 9:30 a.m. and third through fifth grades will perform at 6:00 p.m. Masks are optional, and social distancing will not be required. Each grade will perform songs alone, and then at the end perform songs all together. Please have your child dress nicely for the concert that day. We've been working hard and having fun putting this together—we hope to see you there!



Middle/High School News

A Letter from the Principal

Mr. Quartley - Secondary Principal

As this year is quickly coming to an end, I'm glad to announce that for the first time in almost two and a half years we will be having a normal end to our school year. All of our previous celebrations prior to the COVID-19 crisis will be put back into our end of the year schedule.

I again 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 the COVID-19 crisis.

I would like to offer my congratulations to the parents and students of our graduating class of 2022. Our graduation ceremony will be back in our auditorium this year. Listed below are our planned end of the year events.

| DATE | EVENT | TIME | LOCATION |
|---------|-------------------------------|------------------------|---|
| 5/18/22 | Spring Concert | 7:00 p.m. | Bolivar-Richburg Auditorium |
| 5/14/22 | Senior Prom | 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. | Good Times in Olean |
| 6/3/22 | Senior Day | All day | Darien Lake |
| 6/9/22 | High School Awards | 6:30 p.m. | Bolivar-Richburg Auditorium |
| 6/10/22 | 8th Grade Moving Up Rehearsal | 5th period | Bolivar-Richburg Auditorium |
| 6/13/22 | 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony | 8:30 a.m. | Bolivar-Richburg Auditorium, reception to follow in the cafeteria, field day to start 12:21 p.m., hot dog lunch, games on the sports field. |
| 6/14/22 | 6th & 7th Grade Awards | 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. | Bolivar-Richburg Auditorium |
| 6/15/22 | Athletics Awards | 6:30 p.m. | Bolivar-Richburg Gymnasium |
| 6/26/22 | Graduation Day | 1:00 p.m. | Bolivar-Richburg Auditorium |

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!**

College Bound Juniors & Seniors

Seniors should be finalizing college choices by May 1 and making sure deposits have been paid, scholarship applications have been submitted, and that financial aid forms, orientation, and other college tasks are completed. Contact Mrs. Bean for assistance with any questions you may have. Documents about scholarship searches, college selection, financial aid, and the senior spring to-do list are all available on the guidance webpage and in Guidance Teams for students and parents.

Juniors should be setting up and attending spring college open houses and touring colleges to explore campuses of interest. Mrs. Bean is happy to assist with college and career searches. A parent document on the college selection process as well as packets of information were made available in Guidance Teams for juniors.

College, Career and Military T-Shirt Day

COLLEGE, CAREER AND MILITARY T-SHIRT

DAY WILL BE
Monday, May 2
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.



June 2022 BRCS Regents Exam Schedule

| June 1 Wednesday | June 15 Wednesday | June 16 Thursday | June 17 Friday | June 21 Tuesday | June 22 Wednesday | June 23 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. | 8:05 a.m. |
| US History | ELA | Algebra I | Global History II | Geometry | Algebra II | Physics |
| 11:45 a.m. | 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 | Living Environment (AKA Biology) | NONE | Earth Science | NONE | NONE | NONE |

Note: All morning exams will run from 8:05–11:05 AM 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 try to 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.



National Honor Society

On Thursday, March 24, 2022, five students were inducted into the Bolivar-Richburg Chapter of the National Honor Society. To be eligible, juniors and seniors at Bolivar-Richburg must maintain an 91% or above cumulative high school average in addition to meeting high standards of character, leadership, and service. As a traditional piece of the ceremony, the seniors in National Honor Society dedicated the floral centerpiece to Ms. Schena as the teacher or staff member who demonstrates the ideals of the National Honor Society. The students inducted were (from left to right) Allison Zilker, Noah Martin, Natalie McDowell, Maddox Day, and Haley Mascho. We congratulate all new members of the National Honor Society! You make us proud!



Existing Members



New Members

BRCS Musical Notes

It's a wrap on BRCS's 2022 Musical "Charlie Brown!"

The BRCS 2022 production of the hit Broadway musical "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" is now in the books! There was a soft opening for the Elementary School students on Thursday (3/31) which was followed by the full performances on Friday and Saturday for the public. It was nothing short of amazing.

First of all: watching our BRCS students perform this beloved musical was like running into your old high school friends. Those people you have not seen in many years, you know? The years have treated them rather well and they really have not changed much since you last saw them. They're still obsessed with the usual frailties of life: insecurities, doubts, and all kinds of confusion and paranoia that are all too common in younger minds. But then, underneath it all, aren't we all a bit insecure, confused and doubtful still?

And that is probably one of the main reasons—aside from family and friendship ties to cast, musicians, and crew—why the crowds that came to the BRCS production loved it so much! Deep down, the show was about us as human beings. Sally, Lucy, Snoopy, Schroeder, Linus, and Charlie Brown (performed by Emily Usselman, Raina Bowen, Liz Shingler, Mark Smallwood, Sam Martin, and Ithilien Weekley, respectively) gave us moments of true beauty and inspiration—as well as some much-needed humor and laughs!

Our deepest gratitude to the indomitable Music Boosters parents who walked with us every step of the way! To the cast, orchestra musicians, sound crew, lighting crew, stage crew: BRAVO, BRAVO, BRAVO! Finally, to our school administration (Michael Retzlaff, Dan Quartley, and Mary Snyder) for their support of our Music program and all the activities we are developing in the pursuit of a richer and more meaningful cultural life for our students and our community!

The BRCS Musical Directors,
Andrea Harris & Armenio Suzano



Earth Science News

Mrs. Renyck

The end of the school year is rapidly approaching. In quarter four, we will study the Meteorology, Climate, and Astronomy units. Additionally, we will spend a lot of time reviewing for the comprehensive final which is the state Regents exam. The performance (lab) exam is scheduled to take place this year on Tuesday, June 7, in the morning during a regular school day. It will be held in the library, and it is really important that your child attend since these lab exam results are factored into the Regents final grade. Additionally, the hands-on component benefits the students. Please save the date.



Does your child have enough lab time to legally sit for the Regents exam? I will be contacting you if that is not the case. Please also remember that I am holding Regents review after school every Thursday from 3:10 to 4:10. Check your child's exam average. If it is below a 70%, they will need more practice outside of school to ensure a passing grade on the final and to earn Regents science credit for this course.

Please contact me with any questions. Happy Spring.

Heather Renyck

hrenyck@bolivarrichburg.org

GRADUATION 2022

Graduation will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 26, 2022 in the High School Auditorium (If you have need of special seating for family members who are wheelchair-bound, please call the Main Office to make reservations at 585-928-2901.)

**MANDATORY GRADUATION
REHEARSAL FOR SENIORS WILL BE
AT 1:00 ON THURSDAY,
JUNE 23, in the High School Auditorium.
You must attend rehearsal to participate in
graduation.**

Last Day of School

Tuesday, June 14 will be the last day of classes for grades 7-12. There will be no school on Monday, June 20 (Juneteenth holiday). For students in elementary through sixth grade, Tuesday, June 21 will be a full day of school; the last half days of school will be June 22 and 23.

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 – School Closed on Friday, May 27, and Monday, May 30, 2022.



2022-2023 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 (the "District") will be held in the secondary building in the District, located at 100 School Street, Bolivar, NY 14715 on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at 6 p.m. prevailing time, for presentation of the District's proposed 2022-2023 budget.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Annual Meeting and Vote of the qualified voters of the District will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, between the hours of 12:00 p.m. (noon) and 8 p.m., prevailing time, in the secondary building in the District, located at 100 School Street, Bolivar, NY 14715, at which time the polls will be opened for the purposes of voting on the budget for the 2022-2023 school year and six (6) additional propositions, electing two (2) members of the Board of Education for three-year terms to commence on July 1, 2022, and 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 in the amount of \$21,178,283.00 for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, 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 \$382,935.84, using \$382,935.84 of funds currently on hand in the Bolivar-Richburg Central School District Capital (Transportation) Reserve Fund.

Proposition 3 – Establishment of a Transportation Reserve Fund for the Acquisition of School Buses and Similar Vehicles (and Related Equipment):

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Bolivar-Richburg Central School District, Allegany County, New York (the "District") is hereby authorized to establish a new capital reserve fund (the "Fund") for the acquisition of various school buses, school bus-type vans/minivans, and similar vehicles (and related equipment) for use in the transportation program of the District, all pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law of the State of New York; that the Fund shall be known as the "Transportation Reserve Fund, 2022"; that the ultimate amount of the Fund shall be not greater than \$4,000,000 (plus interest earned thereon); that the probable term of the Fund shall be not longer than ten (10) years; and that the permissible sources from which the Board is authorized to appropriate monies to the Fund from time to time shall be (A) amounts applied thereto from budgetary appropriations of the District; (B) unappropriated fund balance of the District as directed by the Board; (C) to the extent specifically directed by the Board, State aid received as reimbursement for transportation-related expenditures by the District (whether or not such expenditures were financed in whole or in part from the Fund); (D) proceeds from the sale of real or personal property owned by the District, if permitted by law and if directed by the Board; and (E) such other sources as the Board or the voters of the District may direct from time to time, all a may be permitted by law.

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Proposition 4 – Establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund for the Acquisition of Vehicles, Machinery and Equipment for use in the Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Program:

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the Bolivar-Richburg Central School District, Allegany County, New York (the “District”) is hereby authorized to establish a new capital reserve fund (the “Fund”) for the acquisition of vehicles, machinery and equipment for use in the buildings and grounds maintenance program of the District, pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law of the State of New York; that the Fund shall be known as the “Buildings and Grounds Vehicles, Machinery and Equipment Reserve Fund, 2022”; that the ultimate amount of the Fund shall be not greater than \$400,000 (plus interest earned thereon); that the probable term of the Fund shall be not longer than ten (10) years; and that the permissible sources from which the Board is authorized to appropriate monies to the Fund from time to time shall be (A) amounts applied thereto from budgetary appropriations of the District; (B) unappropriated fund balance of the District, as may be directed by the Board; (C) proceeds from the sale of unneeded real or personal property owned by the District, if permitted by law and if so directed by the Board; and (D) such other sources as the Board or the voters of the District may direct from time to time, all as may be permitted by law.

Proposition 5 – Bolivar Free Library Taxes:

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the annual appropriation for the operation of the Bolivar Free Library, Bolivar, New York, a free association library, is hereby increased by \$8,500.00 for a total of \$48,500.00, and that the Board of Education of the Bolivar-Richburg Central School District is hereby authorized to levy and collect taxes in the School District for payment thereof.

Proposition 6 – Colonial Library Taxes:

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the annual appropriation for the operation of the Colonial Library, Richburg, New York, a free association library, is hereby increased by \$2,041.75

for a total of \$42,876.75, and that the Board of Education of the Bolivar-Richburg Central School District is hereby authorized to levy and collect taxes in the School District for payment thereof.

Proposition 7 – Genesee Library Taxes:

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the annual appropriation for the operation of the Genesee Library, Little Genesee, New York, a free association library, is hereby increased by \$1,913.00 for a total of \$40,159.00, and that the Board of Education of the Bolivar-Richburg Central School District is hereby authorized to levy and collect taxes in the School District for the payment thereof.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election for members of the Board of Education shall be held to fill two (2) at-large vacancies on the Board created by the expiration, on June 30, 2022, of the terms of Board members Kami Doane and Amanda McDonnell. The candidates receiving, respectively, the largest and second-largest number of votes shall each be elected to three-year terms commencing upon election and expiring on June 30, 2025.

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 in the office of the District Clerk in the District’s secondary building between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., not later than 5 p.m. on April 18, 2022. Each petition shall be directed to the District Clerk and must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District, or 2% of the number of voters who voted in the 2021 annual election, and must state the residence of each signer and 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 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, from the District Clerk. Completed applications 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 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 p.m., prevailing time on Tuesday, May 17, 2022. 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 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 17, 2022.

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. For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the military ballot application must be received in the office of the District Clerk no later than 5 p.m. on April 21, 2022. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, military voters, including eligible family members, may designate a preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail. If no preference is given, the military ballot application or ballot will be transmitted to the military voter by mail.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the qualified voters of the 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 District for a period of 30 days next preceding the Annual Meeting and Vote. The District may require all persons offering to vote at the Annual Meeting and Vote 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 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 18, 2022 at 5 p.m. prevailing time; must be typed or printed in English, must be directed to the District Clerk 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 a copy of budget or statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for 2022-2023, 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 a.m. and 3 p.m.

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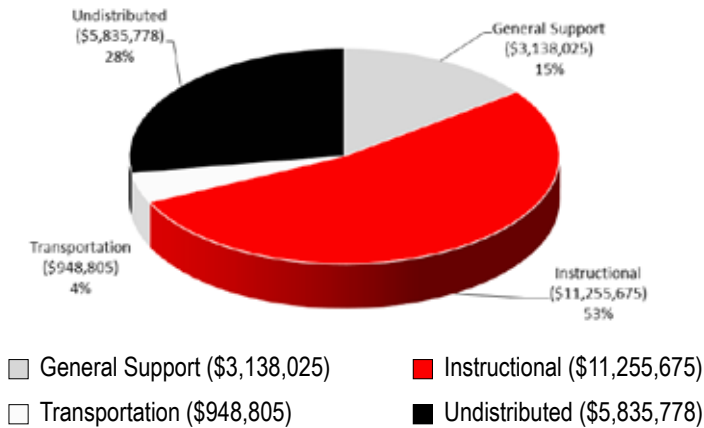
AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the District continues to closely monitor all current and future legal developments as they pertain to the District election and budget vote. All District residents are encouraged to closely monitor the District's website at: <https://www.brcs.wnyric.org/Page/9> 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



2022-2023 Expenditures



Voting Qualifications

To be a qualified voter you must be:

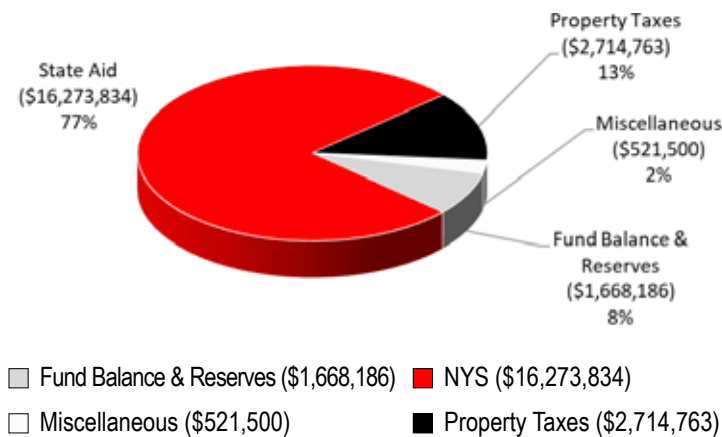
- A citizen of the United States.
- At least 18 years of age.
- A resident of the Bolivar-Richburg Central School District for at least 30 days prior to the vote.

School Board Candidates

The following candidates are running for the Board of Education. Two three-year terms will be expiring on June 30, 2022. The two candidates with the highest number of votes will be elected. (Please vote for two candidates.)

1. Lyle Champlin
2. Jessie Davison
3. Kami Doane
4. Amanda McDonnell

2022-2023 Revenues



2022-23 Property Tax Report Card is available for viewing on the Bolivar-Richburg Central School website at: www.brcs.wnyric.org

Important Information Regarding the 2022-23 School Budget Vote

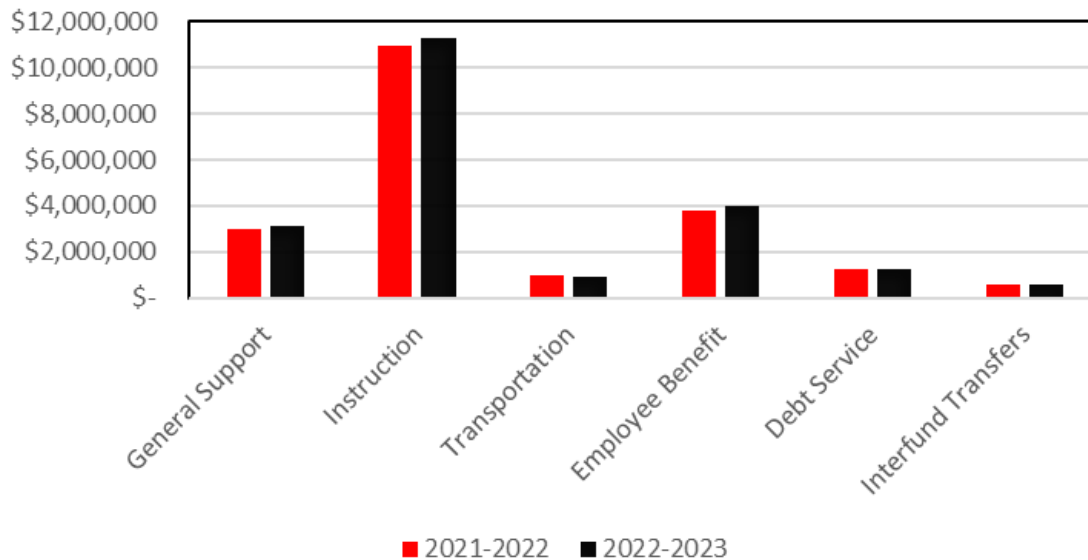
The 2022-2023 Budget Hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 6 p.m. in the Auditorium.

2022-2023 Proposed Revenues

| | 21-22 Adopted Budget | 22-23 Proposed Budget | % of Total Revenues |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Real Property Taxes | \$2,714,763 | \$2,714,763 | 13.25% |
| Total Interest | \$62,000 | \$62,000 | 0.30% |
| Sale of Property/Equipment | \$43,000 | \$24,500 | 0.21% |
| Miscellaneous Revenues | \$340,000 | \$350,000 | 1.66% |
| State Aid | \$15,835,225 | \$16,273,834 | 77.31% |
| Federal Medicaid Reimbursement | \$85,000 | \$85,000 | 0.41% |
| Interfund Revenue (Reserves) | \$801,702 | \$801,702 | 3.91% |
| Appropriated Fund Balance | \$600,000 | \$866,484 | 2.93% |
| Total Estimated Revenues | \$20,481,690 | \$21,178,283 | 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.

| | 2021-22 Adopted: Three Part Budget | | | 2022-23 Proposed: Three Part Budget | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| | Admin. | Program | Capital | Admin. | Program | Capital |
| Board of Education | \$16,900 | | | \$17,900 | | |
| Central Administration | \$223,566 | | | \$231,156 | | |
| Finance | \$237,538 | | | \$232,995 | | |
| Legal Services | | \$20,000 | | | \$20,000 | |
| Personnel | \$352,275 | | | \$352,425 | | |
| Public Information | \$56,260 | | | \$57,000 | | |
| Operation of Plant | | | \$1,084,200 | | | \$1,091,959 |
| Maintenance of Plant | | | \$196,025 | | | \$300,564 |
| Other Central Services | \$473,741 | | | \$517,000 | | |
| Refund of Taxes | | | \$3,000 | | | \$3,000 |
| Other Special Items | \$313,749 | | | \$314,026 | | |
| Curriculum Development & Supervision | \$96,538 | \$50,317 | | \$99,490 | \$65,300 | |
| Supervision Regular School | \$418,997 | | | \$422,709 | | |
| Instruction | | \$10,349,646 | | | \$10,668,176 | |
| Purchase of Buses | | | \$ - | | | \$ - |
| Other District Transportation | | \$893,359 | | | \$859,105 | |
| Garage Building | | \$89,700 | | | \$89,700 | |
| Employee Benefits | \$423,810 | \$3,060,900 | \$293,385 | \$437,549 | \$3,227,473 | \$307,168 |
| Debt Service | | | \$1,251,784 | | | \$1,253,588 |
| Interfund Transfers | | \$575,000 | | | \$560,000 | |
| TOTAL | \$2,614,374 | \$15,038,922 | \$2,828,394 | \$2,682,250 | \$15,539,754 | \$2,956,279 |



Bolivar-Richburg Central School
100 School Street
Bolivar, NY 14715

Board of Education:

Amanda McDonnell, President
Jude Auman, Vice President
Erin Baldwin
Jarrod Bell
Michelle Clark
Kami Doane
Michelle Robinson

Administration:

Michael A. Retzlaff, Superintendent
Susan Bokman, Director of Special Education
Megan Duke, Elementary Principal
Daniel Quartley, Secondary Principal
Mary Snyder, Assistant Principal
Sarah Cartmill, Director of Curriculum
Jessica Mitchell, School Business Administrator

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ORGANIZATION

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Permit No. 1825
Olean, NY
14760

Current Resident

or Local Postal Patron



BUDGET VOTE & BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

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 22-23 tax rate per \$1,000..... | \$14.12* |
| Estimated 22-23 tax on property..... | \$282.40 |
| 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 22-23 tax rate per \$1,000..... | \$14.12* |
| Estimated 22-23 tax on property..... | \$988.4 |
| 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 2021***