

BOLIVAR-RICHBURG Central School



May 2023



CLASS OF 2023



Valedictorian
Haley Mascho

HALEY MASCHO, daughter of Rodney and Ryan Mascho, has been announced as the Bolivar-Richburg Class of 2023 Valedictorian, with a cumulative grade point average of 96.43%.

Haley has received numerous academic honors and awards including: The Alfred University Top Scholar Award, Clarkson Leadership Award, and Elmira Key Award. She is a National Honor Society member who has received the Superintendent's Award and high honor roll throughout her entire high school career.

In terms of extracurricular activities, Haley is a two-sport varsity athlete participating on the volleyball and softball teams, she has been recognized with several athletic awards, especially for her softball talent. Haley's interests include coaching youth programs, traveling, and hunting. Haley also devotes her time and talents with the Wellsville Diamond Dawgs travel softball team and Octane Club volleyball team. She also holds the position of Secretary for her class. Haley is also in the New Visions medical program this year, taking college coursework and shadowing medical professionals.

In the fall of 2023, Haley will attend Keuka College to major in Occupational Therapy and play NCAA Division III softball.

Salutatorian
Noah Martin

NOAH MARTIN, son of Karen and Jeremy Martin, will be recognized as the 2023 Salutatorian at Bolivar-Richburg's graduation ceremony on June 25th, 2023 with a cumulative grade point average of 93.59%.

Noah'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, and the Superintendent's Award and high honor roll throughout high school. He is a member of the National Honor Society, the varsity Trap Team, and he devotes significant time and energy volunteering in his church community while also holding down a part-time job. This year he also played the lead role of Albert Peterson in Bolivar Richburg's production of "Bye Bye Birdie." Since middle school, Noah has been an active member of the Dream It Do It pre-engineering program in Olean, New York where he explores STEM career paths.

Noah plans to attend the Rochester Institute of Technology to pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

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

We are B-R!

School will be closed Friday, May 26, and Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day.

Message from the Superintendent



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. Here at Bolivar-Richburg Central School our mission is *"to 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 works 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 proudly celebrates the accomplishments of our students and staff."

This past school year we experienced great academic success across the grade levels. Based upon our most recent NYSED District Report Card, we are seeing students' assessment scores rising in Reading, Writing, and Math. This is truly a remarkable feat since these scores represent the learning that had occurred during COVID. But it also represents all of the hard work and commitment of our teaching staff, administration, students, and families. We continue to provide 100% of all students a 1:1 device to allow them to have access to the world around us. We offer interscholastic sports and a variety of clubs and fine arts activities that allow our students to explore their interests. All of this ensures that every student succeeds—academically, co-curricularly, and social-emotionally.

2023-2024 School Budget

Enclosed in this month's newsletter is information about our upcoming May 16 school budget vote and school board elections. We have worked hard to present a balanced budget that not only provides a quality education along with co-curricular opportunities for all of our students, but at a 0% property tax increase to our residents. This year's vote includes a few propositions to help the District continue to move forward while being transparent about our spending plans.

The first proposition is for the purchase of three new buses out of our transportation reserve. With the purchase of these buses, it allows us to remain on target with our bus replacement schedule. The second proposition is to purchase two pieces of building and grounds equipment from the newly approved buildings and grounds capital fund. Based upon our replacement schedule, we are asking your support to replace a pickup truck with a plow and sander. We are also asking to replace a softball field groomer which is close to 30 years old. Because we will be utilizing the capital reserves for both of these purchases, we will have zero impact on the annual budget. I encourage you to take the time to read through the budget information provided. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Finally, the District has a unique opportunity to purchase an adjacent property located at 170 Wellsville Street in Bolivar. The property is located next to our Bolivar building loading dock; the purchase of this

property would provide the District with additional space. The purchase price includes the current value of the house, along with demolition cost and debris removal. The District would be taking ownership of a vacant lot. Although we do not have any immediate plans for the property, we would be looking at better truck access to our loading dock, and to open up that particular corner of our campus for safer pedestrian access to our sports fields.

Capital Project 2022

As of this letter, we have just received final approval of our design plans from the NYS Education Department. We will now be going out to bid in the next couple of months with the hopes of starting construction on Phase II sometime in the fall of 2023. Phase II includes infrastructure improvements (roofs, boilers, plumbing, and building security) as well as upgrades to music areas, locker rooms, technology areas, back stage lighting & sound, and the addition of new STEAM/technology spaces at both buildings. We are anticipating that once construction begins we would see completion over a period of two years.

School Safety and Security

As many of you know, we had to go into a district-wide "Lock-Out" recently because of a potential threat. I am proud to say that our faculty, staff, and students all responded appropriately during this incident and our district-wide safety plan worked as designed. With recent events throughout the country, the BRCS school board and administration has made district safety and security our #1 priority. We are working closely with a school safety and security company to make sure that our district-wide safety plans are current and to provide real-life training to all of our faculty and staff. This, along with our SRO provided through the Bolivar Police Department, allows us to provide a safe and secure learning environment. With that stated, it is vital that all of you continue to follow the policy of "see something, hear something, then say something." Please contact the school if you have any concerns or information you feel might be of interest to ensure school safety and security.

In closing, I hope everyone enjoys these spring days and I'm looking forward to a strong finish to our 2022-2023 school year. Remember, 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,

Michael A. Retzlaff

Superintendent of Schools
Bolivar-Richburg CSD



Last Day of School

Tuesday, June 13 will be the last day of classes for grades 7-12. There will be no school on Monday, June 19 (Juneteenth holiday).

For students in elementary through sixth grade, Tuesday, June 20 will be a full day of school; the last half days of school will be June 21 and 22.



A Letter from the Elementary Principal

Mrs. Duke

Dear BRES Families,

I can't believe we are about to close in on the end of another school year! As always, I wish to acknowledge the hard work of our staff members, the efforts of our students, and your continued partnership with our school.

We began the year with the goal of providing further support to each student, academically and behaviorally. Although this goal will be ongoing for some time to come, we are proud of the steps taken this year.

- We are now providing a building-wide “intervention” block so that each student can get instruction that is meaningful and challenging to them as an individual.
- Our PBIS system continues to teach expected behavior across all settings and frequently rewards students modeling such behavior.

As the year closes, students will be provided several opportunities to participate in fun and enriching activities. Additionally, teachers will continue to provide rigorous instruction and classroom rules will be upheld. Please remind your child that although summer is in sight, they are expected to do their best through the remainder of the school year. They've come so far—we know they can do it with your help!

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:

- June 1-2: Fall 2023 Pre-K registration screenings
- June 12: Elementary School Field Day
- June 19: Juneteenth, NO SCHOOL
- June 20: Elementary Academic Awards Assembly, Grades 4-5, 1:00 p.m.
- June 21: 5th move-up day at High School 8:30 a.m.
- June 21: Early dismissal at 10:50 a.m.
- June 22: Kindergarten Graduation, 9:00 a.m. (Elementary Gym)
- June 22: Last day for Grades K-5; Early dismissal at 10:50 a.m.; Report cards issued

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

Have a great summer!

BRES Book Fair

Please keep an eye out for additional information. The Book Fair will run from June 5-9, 2023.



Kindergarten News

Miss Hackett, Mrs. Stutzman and Mrs. Windus (and Ms. Steiner)

Kindergarten has been busy! We had an awesome time at the high school visiting Mrs. Eshleman and students for Maple Day. We got to see chickens, the garden, how syrup was made, and even try maple syrup with our pancakes. After learning about colonial times and townspeople we wrapped up our unit by making our own bread and butter. We are digging into our farm unit in Kindergarten. We are learning all about all the plants and animals you might find on a farm. Students will also be exploring careers and thinking about what they may want to be when they are older. With the nice weather arriving, we are looking forward to an end-of-year field trip (more information coming soon). As we wrap up our year and suit up for Kindergarten graduation, we want to wish everyone a fun and safe summer!



Full Day Pre-K News: Happy Spring!

Miss Glover and Mrs. Mitchell

Happy Spring from the full day Pre-K! 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 100 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 many Easter activities!

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!!





First Grade News: Visit to the Challenger Learning Center

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

During February, 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, 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 reflect or refract. 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.



Kid's Heart Challenge

BRES joined forces with the American Heart Association to spread the word on the importance of keeping hearts healthy. Students learned different ways to check their heart rate and how physical activity keeps their hearts strong. All students watched videos on how to perform hands-only CPR and how to recognize the signs of a stroke.

The students and families of Bolivar-Richburg Elementary once again outdid themselves for this year's Kid's Heart Challenge campaign. This year our amazing communities raised a total of \$15,674.98. Miss Zoey Galayda was the top fundraiser, bringing in a total of \$1,080. She had the opportunity to slime her PE teacher and toss a pie in the face of another teacher. Six other top earning students had the chance to toss a pie at a teacher. Even Mr. Hackett, our SRO, joined in and was pied! Congratulations to all of our students and families for a job well done!



Second Grade

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

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!

In reading, students have heard and learned about The Civil War, Cycles of Nature, and Insects. 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!

Third Grade News

Mrs. Hackett

We just finished up our unit on fractions. Students participated in a Pizzeria Day. They partitioned Play-doh to learn more about fractions (parts and wholes) and equivalent fractions. They played a mock version of Roblox Pizza Builders where they took orders from characters and made their pizza for them. Students learned the history of pizza and wrote opinion essays about the best pizza toppings. They also made REAL PIZZA to be eaten in class. Students were so proud of their creations. In the near future, we will be starting to prep for NYS assessments and how to show everything we know!



Fourth Grade Math

Miss Ferris



Fourth graders have been working hard in math! We just wrapped up our unit on fractions. We are going to spend some time reviewing for the New York State Math Test and then move on to learning about decimals. Our state test will be May 2nd and 3rd. It is crazy that the time has already come! Make sure to get some good rest the night before and a good breakfast in the morning of the test. The students have been working so hard and I know they will do GREAT! They've got this!

Fourth Grade Science & Social Studies

Mrs. Bentley

This year is flying by and we are doing a lot in 4th grade. In Social Studies, we have wrapped up our government unit. We went through the steps of making a bill into a law. Students had to write a bill for the school and go through the whole process to get theirs to be the one selected to get vetoed or passed. We had some pretty heated debates...but I think they understood what happens with the real process.

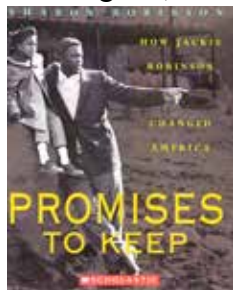
In science, we wrapped up our "Waves" unit. We learned about all types of waves and how we use them every day. Our next, and last unit for the year, is all about Energy. We will be working with circuits, transformation of energy, renewable resource and so much more.

The kids earned a pizza party for getting three hundred 100%'s on iReady. That is a lot of work but when that final tally got put on, the kids were so excited. We will be going on our first large field trip to Mumford in May, and we are so excited. We will also be taking a virtual trip for Earth Day this year. It is designed to teach the kids about garbage from Happy Meals. It sounds really interesting and it should resonate with the kids. There is so much more to do in the last few months. Be on the lookout for other fun things happening in 4th grade!

Fifth Grade ELA

Mrs. Smith

ELA class has been filled with lots of reading and writing! Our small group instruction is running smoothly, enjoying fiction and nonfiction texts. We are on Module 3A, which begins with a brief study on 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 Wyatt Pastor, Zachery Carman, Susanmarie Dorrett, and Harper Chapman. To be selected, students must go above and beyond to help others and show good character traits. These 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 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 and studying plant growth. Ask your child to share with you what a plant needs in order to survive.



In social studies, we have wrapped up our unit on Ancient Civilizations. Your child has worked hard looking at what makes a complex society and completed a research project on a current invention that affects our lives. Ask your child to share with you the benefits and drawbacks of their technology.

Our PAWS winners are always making us proud. Congratulations to our winners Mason Hackett and Cara Learn. Keep up that PAWS Worthy behavior!



Middle/High School News

A Letter from the Principal

Mr. Margeson - Secondary Principal

As we gear up for the last push of the 2022-23 school year, we are looking to make a few changes to our end-of-the year events. We realize that our students are facing significant pressure related to all of the responsibilities that May and June bring. These responsibilities include concerts, sports, and state testing. This year, we're looking at moving our awards ceremonies to the end of the school day. We will live stream each one, in the hopes that family and friends who don't live close by can enjoy "being there" for our student scholars. The tentative schedule for each grade level is as follows:

- 9th grade – Monday, June 5 (advisement)
- 10th grade – Tuesday, June 6 (advisement)
- 11th grade – Wednesday, June 7 (advisement)
- 12th grade – Thursday, June 8 (1st period)
- 6th, 7th, and 8th grade – Tuesday, June 13 (TBD)

As with years past, students will receive notification if they will be receiving an award, and family members and friends are welcome to join us in the auditorium. Students will arrive at 2:30, with the ceremony beginning promptly at 2:40. Because our seniors attend afternoon BOCES, we will celebrate them during 1st period, which begins at 8:05.

We are looking at combining our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade into a Middle School awards ceremony on Tuesday, June 13. We are anticipating a morning ceremony with an afternoon cook-out/field day afterwards.

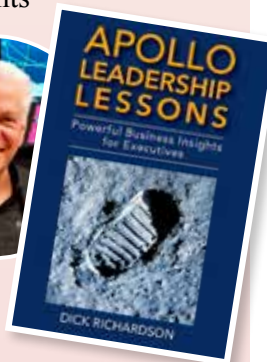
As we finalize dates and times, we will make them public on our school website and Facebook page.

You will find the Regents testing dates, along with important graduation information in Mrs. Crandall Bean's "Guidance News."

And speaking of graduation, we have some exciting news this year. We have invited Bolivar Alum, Dick Richardson (Class of 1969) to speak at our commencement ceremony. Mr. Richardson has two US patents and was awarded the Entrepreneur of the Year in the Business and Professional Services category by the American Business Association. He has founded multiple corporate leadership companies, and has written a book titled "Apollo Leadership Lessons: Powerful Business Insights for Executives." We are looking forward to the message Mr. Richardson has for our graduating class!

Thank you for your continued support. Please call or stop in if you have any concerns!

Respectfully,
Jeff Margeson, Secondary Principal



Library Club



The BRCS MS/HS Library Club had a great year. The students raised money through a fundraiser and bookfair and then used some of the proceeds to prepare a treat for the Elementary aged students in the district during Read Across America week. The club members purchased new books for all of the Kindergarten and Pre-K children in the district, and used some of the proceeds to create treat bags for each of the elementary students in the Richburg building. The club members visited the Kindergarten classes, and the Pre-K classes and read books to the kids. Even though some of our club members admit to being slightly terrified of the little kids, by the end everyone relaxed and our members really enjoyed the experience. Our club also voted and decided to donate the extra books to our local Free Libraries. Our club's final big activity is a field trip to 5WITS in Buffalo at the end of April, where we will use teamwork to solve hands-on tasks, puzzles, and challenges in adventures that mimic our favorite literary genres.

"You don't spend your life hanging around books without learning a thing or two."

— Lemony Snicket




June 2023 BRCS Regents Exam Schedule

June 1 Wednesday	June 14 Wednesday	June 15 Thursday	June 16 Friday	June 20 Tuesday	June 21 Wednesday	June 22 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 (New Framework exam)	ELA	Global History II	Earth Science	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)	Algebra I	Chemistry	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, so 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.



College Bound Juniors & Seniors

Seniors should be finalizing college choices by May 1 and making sure deposits have been paid, scholarship and financial aid applications have been submitted, and orientation and other college tasks 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 and has completed them for any juniors who requested lists. A booklet of the college selection process, as well as packets of information, were made available in Guidance Teams for juniors and were given to them on paper as well this spring.

College, Career and Military T-Shirt Day

COLLEGE, CAREER, AND MILITARY T-SHIRT DAY WILL BE Tuesday, May 2 for seniors, faculty, and staff! Wear a shirt to represent your future plans after graduation—your college, military branch or your future employer. The group photo will be in the cafeteria during lunch at 11:00 a.m.

GRADUATION 2023

Graduation will be at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 25, in the Bolivar Auditorium. Seating will be first come first-serve; the doors will be unlocked at noon sharp. Seniors may have as many guests in the audience as would like to attend.

REHEARSAL

Mandatory graduation rehearsal for all seniors will be at 1:00 p.m. in the Bolivar Auditorium on Thursday, June 22.



National Honor Society Inducts New Members



On Wednesday, March 29, sixteen students were inducted into the Bolivar-Richburg Chapter of the National Honor Society. To be eligible, juniors and seniors at Bolivar-Richburg must maintain a 91% or above cumulative high school average in addition to meeting high standards of character, leadership, and service. The seniors in NHS dedicated the floral centerpiece to Ms. Jacoby as the teacher or staff member who demonstrates the ideals of the National Honor Society.

Front Row: Alex Parker, Maddy Thornton, Madigan Harris, Madelyn Baldwin, McKinlee Harris.

Second Row: Nebula Wilson-Smith, Kori Thomas, Ben Kisel, Cayden Gaines.

Third Row: Trey Buchholz, Zachary Mitchell, Caden Giardini, Ethan Jones.

Back Row: Reiss Gaines, Caden Allen, David Baldwin

Congrats to our new inductees!

Earth Science Regents Exam

Mrs. Renyck

Dear parents/guardians,

Earth Science class has 2 parts associated with the Regents exam. There is a lab component given ahead of the larger, written component. As stated in the beginning of the school year, students will need to have acquired 1,200 successful minutes of lab time in order to qualify to take the exam (state regulations). The lab exam will be held during the normal school day on Wednesday, May 31. The written exam will be held on the morning of Thursday, June 22, during Regents Week. Students may not opt out of Regents exams, and these tests are 20% of your child's final grade in the course.

From now until the end of the school year, I am having Regents Exam Review after school from 3:10 - 4:10 on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. All are welcome to attend, and students may sign up for the late bus if transportation is needed. As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions.

8th Grade Math

Mr. Hyson

The end of the school year is just around the corner. Please make sure that you are checking your student's progress through Power School, and if you don't have access, please contact the school. If there are any questions and/or concerns about your student's grades be sure to reach out by email or phone. I hope each student has a relaxing and enjoyable summer!

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 will be Closed on Friday, May 26 and Monday, May 29.



2023-2024 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 2, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. prevailing time, for presentation of the District’s proposed 2023-2024 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 16, 2023, between the hours of 12:00 p.m. (noon) and 8:00 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 2023-2024 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, 2023, and electing one (1) member of the Board of Education for a one-year unexpired term to commence in May 2023, and any other matters as may be lawfully presented at the meeting:

PROPOSITIONS

Proposition 1 – Annual Budget (2023-2024):

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the budget for the Bolivar-Richburg Central School District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, 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 \$458,036.01, using \$458,036.01 of funds currently on hand in the Bolivar-Richburg Central School District Capital (Transportation) Reserve Fund.

Proposition 3 – Purchase of Pickup Truck with Sander and Plow and Field Groomer:

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the Bolivar-Richburg Central School District in Allegany County, New York is hereby authorized to purchase a pickup truck with sander and plow and field groomer at an estimated maximum cost of \$110,000.00, using \$110,000.00 of funds currently on hand in the Bolivar-Richburg Central School District Capital Buildings and Grounds Vehicles, Machinery and Equipment Reserve Fund.



Proposition 4 –Purchase of Real Property:

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the Bolivar-Richburg Central School District, New York (the “District”) is hereby authorized to purchase a parcel of real property commonly known as 170 Wellsville Street, bearing SBL No. 260.17-5-45, for the price of \$65,000, subject to certain conditions set forth in the purchase contract between the parties, and upon such other terms and conditions as the Board shall deem appropriate, with such expenditures to be made from available funds of the District, without the necessity of borrowing.

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 \$5,000.00 for a total of \$53,500.00, 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 \$4,287.68 for a total of \$47,164.43, 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 \$5,737.00 for a total of \$43,983.00, 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, 2023, of the terms of Board members Jude Auman and Jarrod Bell and one (1) at-large unexpired term vacated by Michelle Robinson. The candidates receiving, respectively, the largest and second-largest number of votes shall each be elected to three-year terms commencing on July 1, 2023 and expiring June 30, 2026, and the candidate receiving the third-largest number of votes shall be elected to fill the unexpired term, commencing May 17, 2023 and expiring June 30, 2024.

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 17, 2023. 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 2022 annual election, and must state the residence of each signer and the name and residence of each candidate.

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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 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 5:00 p.m., prevailing time on Tuesday, May 16, 2023. 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 16, 2023.

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 5:00 p.m. on April 20, 2023. 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 17, 2023 at 5:00 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 2023-2024, 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.

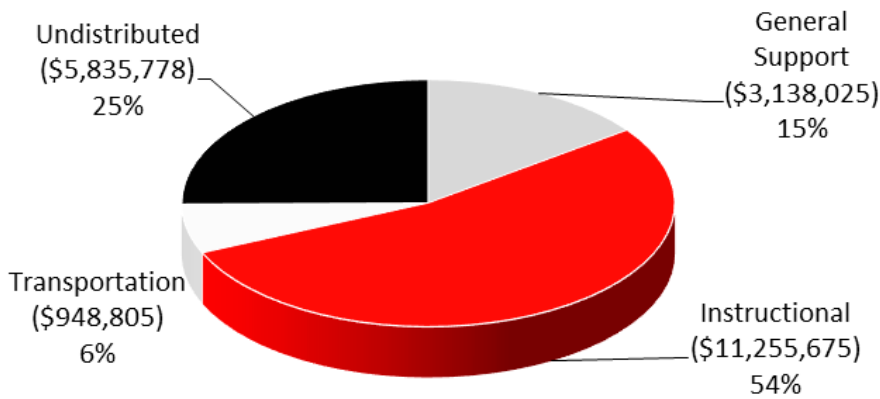
AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the District continues to closely monitor all current and future legal developments as they pertain to the District election and budget vote. All District residents are encouraged to closely monitor the District's website at: <https://www.brcs.wnyric.org/Page/9>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

BY:

Connie P. Emery
Clerk, Board of Education

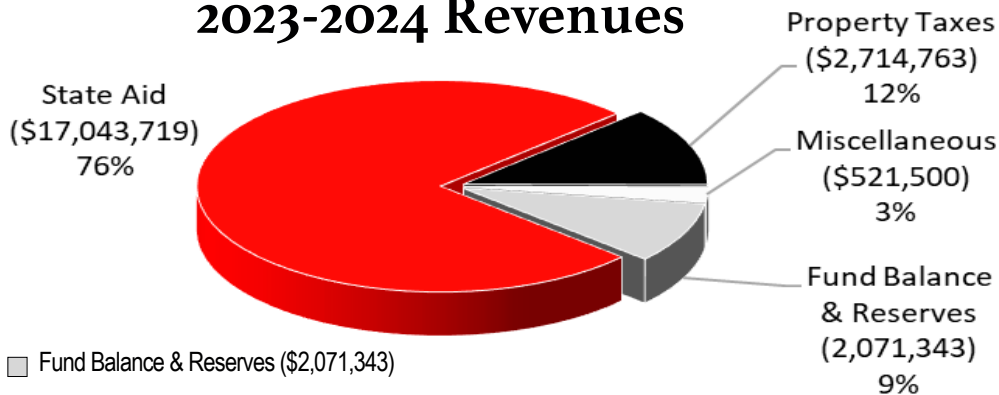


2023-2024 Expenditures



- General Support (\$3,138,025)
- Transportation (\$948,805)
- Instructional (\$11,255,675)
- Undistributed (\$5,835,778)

2023-2024 Revenues



- Fund Balance & Reserves (\$2,071,343)
- Miscellaneous (\$521,500)
- NYS (\$17,043,719)
- Property Taxes (\$2,714,763)

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. There are two at-large vacancies on the Board created by the expiration, on June 30, 2023, of the terms of Board members Jude Auman and Jarrod Bell and one at-large unexpired term vacated by Michelle Robinson. The candidates receiving, respectively, the largest and second-largest number of votes shall each be elected to three-year terms and the candidate receiving the third-largest number of votes shall be elected to fill the unexpired term commencing May 17, 2023 and expiring June 30, 2024.

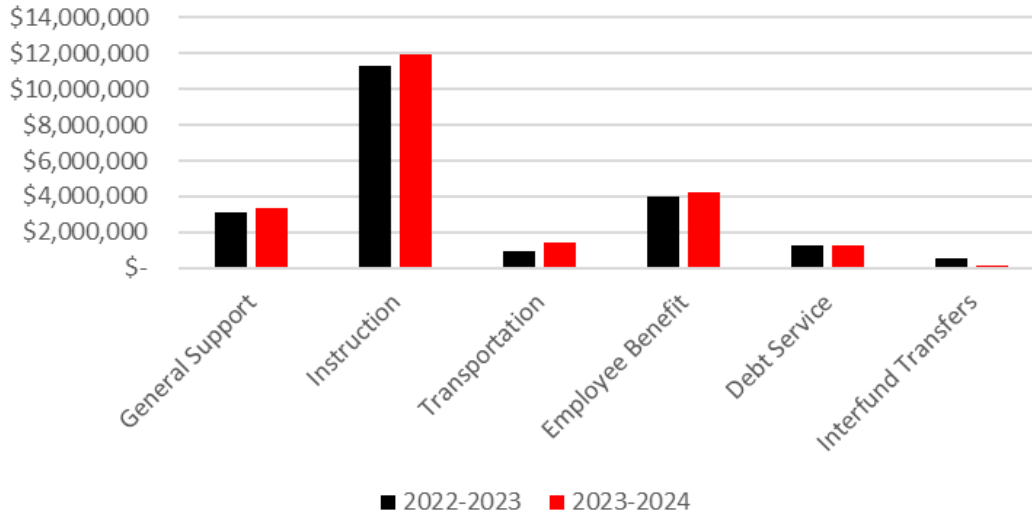
1. Aaron Duell
2. Jarrod Bell
3. Jude Auman

2023-2024 Proposed Revenues

	22-23 Adopted Budget	23-24 Proposed Budget	% of Total Revenues
Real Property Taxes	\$2,714,763	\$2,714,763	12.15%
Total Interest	\$62,000	\$62,000	0.28%
Sale of Property/Equipment	\$24,500	\$24,500	0.11%
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$350,000	\$350,000	1.57%
State Aid	\$16,273,834	\$17,043,719	76.25%
Federal Medicaid Reimbursement	\$85,000	\$85,000	0.38%
Interfund Revenue (Reserves)	\$801,702	\$906,702	4.03%
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$866,484	\$1,169,641	5.23%
Total Estimated Revenues	\$21,178,283	\$22,351,325	100%



2022-2023 and 2023-2024 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.

	2022-23 Adopted: Three Part Budget			2023-24 Proposed: Three Part Budget		
	Admin.	Program	Capital	Admin.	Program	Capital
Board of Education	\$17,900			\$18,000		
Central Administration	\$231,156			\$237,610		
Finance	\$232,995			\$352,183		
Legal Services		\$20,000			\$20,000	
Personnel	\$352,425			\$352,425		
Public Information	\$57,000			\$57,000		
Operation of Plant			\$1,091,959			\$1,128,016
Maintenance of Plant			\$300,564			\$337,883
Other Central Services	\$517,000			\$517,000		
Refund of Taxes			\$3,000			\$3,000
Other Special Items	\$314,026			\$314,026		
Curriculum Development & Supervision	\$99,490	\$65,300		\$99,490	\$66,207	
Supervision Regular School	\$422,709			\$443,209		
Instruction		\$10,668,176			\$11,340,312	
Purchase of Buses			\$ -			\$460,000
Other District Transportation		\$859,105			\$892,652	
Garage Building		\$89,700			\$89,700	
Employee Benefits	\$437,549	\$3,277,473	\$307,168	\$449,270	\$3,424,799	\$337,009
Debt Service			\$1,253,588			\$1,251,534
Interfund Transfers		\$560,000			\$160,000	
TOTAL	\$2,682,250	\$15,539,754	\$2,956,279	\$2,840,213	\$15,993,670	\$3,517,442



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

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14760

Board of Education:

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

Current Resident

or Local Postal Patron

Administration:

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



BUDGET VOTE & BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Bolivar-Richburg Middle/High School -

Room 113 from Noon - 8:00 p.m.

100 School Street, Bolivar, NY 14715 • 585-928-2561

Please enter the building near the playground entrance to vote.

***Important Information
Regarding the 2023-24
School Budget Vote***

The 2023-2024 Budget Hearing has
been scheduled for Tuesday,
May 2, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
in the Middle/High School Auditorium.

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

***For a
home assessed at
\$50,000***

Assessed Value	\$50,000
STAR Exemption	\$30,000
Net Assessment	\$20,000
Estimated 23-24 tax rate per \$1,000	\$13.06*
Estimated 23-24 tax on property	\$282.40
Increase/Decrease from 22-23	\$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	\$13.06*
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 2022***