

BOLIVAR-RICHBURG Central School



May 2024

CLASS OF 2024

KORI THOMAS, daughter of Amy Thomas and Jonathan Thomas, has been announced as the Bolivar-Richburg Class of 2024 Valedictorian, with a cumulative grade point average of 98.78%.

Kori has received numerous academic honors and awards including: NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete awards, top honors in many classes, National Honor Society membership, Superintendent's Award, and high honor roll throughout her entire high school career.

Kori is a three-sport varsity athlete participating on the volleyball, indoor and outdoor track & field teams. Her interests include: spending time with her dog, family, and friends. She loves Stewart's Shops Lemonade and peanut butter M&M's. Kori also devotes her time and talents as a lifeguard at the town pool and volunteers at the Wellsville American Legion. She holds the position of president of the Senior class as well as president of National Honor Society.

In the fall of 2024, Kori will attend Clarkson University to major in Mechanical Engineering, where she has earned a full scholarship. She has also earned an Air Force ROTC scholarship. Kori will commit to Clarkson's Air Force ROTC detachment where she will be trained in military and leadership studies in order to serve and commission as an officer in the Air Force after she graduates from college.

Valedictorian



Kori Thomas

Salutatorian



Zachary Mitchell

ZACHARY MITCHELL, son of Meghan and Robert Mitchell, will be recognized as the 2024 Salutatorian at Bolivar-Richburg's 2024 graduation ceremony, with a cumulative grade point average of 97.24%.

Zachary's academic awards and honors include: the Bausch and Lomb Science Award, the Rensselaer Medal Award, the RIT Creativity and Innovation Award, the JCC College Connection Junior of the Year Award, the Elmira Key Award, the St. Bonaventure Bonnie Award, Scholar Athlete Award, Superintendent's Scholar Award, and the BRCS NYS Academic Excellence Award. He is a member of the National Honor Society and has received high honor roll recognition throughout high school.

Zachary is a star athlete for the varsity football and wrestling teams. He has been recognized throughout the Western New York region for his football talent, receiving honorable mention for the all-state football team and being selected for the Big 30 all-star game. He devotes his spare time to weight-lifting and personal fitness. He also volunteers in his community assisting with youth programs as well as the elderly.

Zachary plans to attend either Penn State University or Rensselaer to study chemical engineering.

We are all so very proud of these outstanding students!

School will be closed Friday, May 24 and Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day.

Message from the Superintendent



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

The end of the 2023-24 school year is in sight! And while it is true that every part of the year is busy here at BRCS, it is fair to say that spring is our busiest season. Our academic focus intensifies as we move through the fourth quarter and we look forward to a host of curricular and extra-curricular activities on the calendar. In addition to our annual NYS 3-8 testing, our high school students are preparing to take Regents Exams too. Spring sports are moving “full steam ahead” and our faculty, staff, and students will soon be finalizing the details of our spring concerts and other year-end celebrations.

This is also the time of year when the District Office, Business Office, and School Board are working on the annual budget for the upcoming school year. That budget will be adopted by the Board of Education and presented to voters for their consideration on May 21, 2024. On that same day, during the annual budget vote, District residents will also select three individuals to serve on the School Board for the next term. Please review the information contained in this newsletter as well as information on our website to prepare for the budget vote and school board election! Your participation is vitally important as we close out this school year and get ready for the 2024-25 academic year.

Our Capital Improvement Project is rapidly moving ahead as well! Both the elementary and middle/high school campuses will be active construction sites all summer long. Contractors will be working feverishly to get as much done before the start of school as possible. In addition to the budget development process, the capital project work, and regular school activities, our Board of Education will be completing the search for our next superintendent. We anticipate that a number of high-quality individuals will apply and then those candidates will be involved in the screening and interviewing process throughout the month of May. It is our expectation to appoint the new leader prior to the end of the school year so they can begin their work here at BRCS sometime this summer!

It has been a pleasure to be a part of the Bolivar-Richburg school community this past year. Serving as the Interim Superintendent has been a pleasure and I can say without hesitation that BRCS is a great place with great people; our kids are fortunate to be students in such a wonderful school system. Thank you for your support over the past year—we have accomplished much—and I’m looking forward to closing out this school year on a positive note!

Chuck Leichner

Interim Superintendent of Schools
Bolivar-Richburg CSD

Stay Up-to-Date!

Please check the guidance webpage for info on driver ed, regents exams, scholarships, college and career news, etc.

**Senior Cook Out:
Thursday, June 27 at noon**



Elementary Physical Education

Mrs. Auman and Mr. Pettit

A huge THANK YOU goes out to the many 5th graders that took time out of their recess to help the kindergartners with their roller skating! Without their help, the little Wolverines would not get the opportunity to skate.

Spring is the best time to try new things, so students in grades 3-5 will give Pickleball a try. They will be introduced to the skills of a forehand and a backhand, as well as serving and learning how to score. Lower elementary classes will also be practicing their racket skills with the use of paddles and balloons.

After Pickleball, students will work on their softball and baseball skills. All students will practice their throwing and catching skills. They will also practice fielding ground balls (better known as the Alligator chomp) and pop-fly balls.



Elementary Technology News

Ms. Loucks

The past few months in Tech, Pre-K and Kindergarten have been practicing their letters and numbers along with fine motor skills using ABC Mouse. This computer program allows the students to engage in content that reinforces spelling, literacy, and math through games and activities. They really enjoy following along on their own personalized learning path, where they earn tickets to purchase items for their virtual rooms. Additionally, the entire Kindergarten has mastered the art of logging-on to their own computer! This was a huge accomplishment for them, and they are very proud!

Grades 1-5 have continued to work hard on improving their typing skills. We use the program Keyboarding Without Tears, which uses a row-based approach to teaching the keyboard. Color-coded keys make it easy for students to learn finger-key associations, ensuring that keyboarding becomes a comfortable, automatic skill. Learning to type can improve writing skills, which are used in many other subjects/classes. The act of typing also hones a student's visual-motor skills, which can translate well to playing an instrument or handwriting. It isn't their favorite part of class; however, I try to remind them often how much these skills will benefit them when taking state tests and so many future opportunities.

Computers are only half of what we do in Tech. The second part of class is always something engaging and fun! We have been using a variety of robotics, manipulatives, applications, software, and coding. The students learn about everyday technology by doing things themselves and experimenting with project-based learning. These opportunities will help them build problem solving and modern craftsmanship skills while allowing them to have creative expression.

I am looking forward to the rest of the year!



A Letter from the Elementary Principal

Dear BRES Families,

With the close of another school year, I want to thank all of our elementary families for their support and dedication to BRES! It is great to continue hearing from parents/guardians in regard to questions and/or feedback for our school. Parental involvement in a child's education is consistently found to be positively associated with a child's academic performance. Thank you for your partnership again this school year!

I'd also like to take the opportunity to acknowledge the hard work and perseverance demonstrated by our students, teachers, and staff. This year comes to a bittersweet end with two of our beloved staff members retiring at the end of the school year, Mrs. Diane Sortore, Main Office Secretary, and Mrs. Claire Morris, Art Teacher. Both women's contributions to the elementary school have been invaluable, and although we wish them the best for their futures, they will be greatly missed! I extend my deepest gratitude for them and the impact they've had on BRES, and I hope you can do the same before the school year ends.

With a few weeks left of the year, students begin to become a little more relaxed with expectations and 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 want to make you aware of the upcoming events:

- June 19: Juneteenth, NO SCHOOL
- June 20: Elementary Academic Awards Assembly, Grades 4-5, 1:00 p.m.
- June 21: Elementary School Field Day
- June 24: 5th move-up day at High School 8:30 a.m.
- June 24 and June 25: Early dismissal at 10:50 a.m.
- June 25: Kindergarten Graduation, 9:00 a.m. (Elementary Gym)
- June 25: Last day for Grades K-5; Early dismissal at 10:50 a.m.; Report cards issued
- Report cards issued

Several grades also have field trips coming up. Please make sure you check folders and return permission slips promptly. Have a great summer!

Mrs. Duke

Elementary Principal

Author Visit

BRES has the wonderful opportunity to meet author and Illustrator Heather Harris on June 7. Harris will be coming to BRES to talk with K-5 students about the book making process, share a read aloud, and complete a guided drawing experience. An order form will be sent home if you would like to pre-order one of her signed published books. The books will be distributed on the day of her visit. There will be no books to purchase on the day of this event, so please make sure to get your pre-order form turned in!

BRES Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming! SAVE THE DATE for June 3-6, 2024 and get ready to empower your reader with many book choices. Watch as the date gets closer for Facebook posts and information to come home with your child!



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 and 100 day crowns, and holding a 100 day party. In March, we had so much fun celebrating St. Patrick's Day wearing green and listening to leprechaun stories. 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 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 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 traveled 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 and weighing different objects, scientists had to work together to be successful.

Lastly, students got to learn about what it would be like to have a birthday party on the moon! They had to put their math skills to work to unlock the supplies, and then they tested out their balance as they walked on the "moon." Students learned that they would be able to jump a lot higher on the moon!

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



Third Grade News

Mrs. Louser

This year continues to fly by with many important events just around the corner. Throughout the quarter, students have prepared and taken the NYS ELA assessment. I can't believe it is that time of the year already. Through our studies in ELA, students continue to develop their vocabulary and comprehension skills. In math, students have learned about graphing and analyzing data sets using picture graphs, bar graphs, and line plots. Students have also begun review and practice for the NYS mathematics assessment, which is quickly approaching. As you can see this is an exciting and important time in 3rd grade. I look forward to seeing what the rest of the year has in store for our class!

Remedial Math

Ms. Perry

Let the countdown begin. That is the countdown to the New York State Math Assessment, and these students are going to rock it! The test is scheduled for May 7 and 8, so we still have plenty of time to practice the skills we are learning. These students have been working so hard to learn the single-digit multiplication facts and basic division facts. While they may not know all of the facts from memory, they have strategies in their toolbox to help them get to the correct answers. But we're not stopping here. You can continue to help your child with practice at home through the use of playing games and taking advantage of everyday, real-life math opportunities. The students have a variety of ways to practice on their iPads from basic flash cards to action packed games as well. I'm looking forward to pushing full speed ahead and facing the assessment head on with confidence.

Solar Eclipse Day



Fourth Grade

Mrs. Bentley, Mrs. Nell, Miss Perrin

The fourth graders have been working hard in Science and Social Studies. In Science, we have finished up our wave unit, and used different ways to test out how light and sound work! We are moving on to energy and electricity next. In Social Studies, we are working on learning how governments work. They are building a capital for George Washington on the Minecraft for Education app.

We've been very busy in ELA the last couple of months. We finished module 3, Revolutionary War, and are in the middle of module 4, Women's Suffrage. We've been working on many comprehension skills like main idea, theme, summarizing, and working with different genres. The students also expressed their opinions on the different sides of the Revolutionary War by making "Broadsides" which were hung in the hallway for a few weeks. We practiced for the ELA state test and worked on many different skills and test prep strategies! The students ROCKED the state test and worked so hard. They should be proud of themselves! Way to go fourth graders!

In Math, we completed our last big module for the year—fractions—just before Spring Break! We have been working hard at reviewing all the things we have learned this year for our upcoming Math State Assessment. This takes place **May 7-9**. A couple of testing reminders for your students include getting a good night's sleep each night the week of the test, as well as getting to school on time so they have a chance to eat breakfast before we get started each day. We know they will do an excellent job showing us how much they have grown this year!

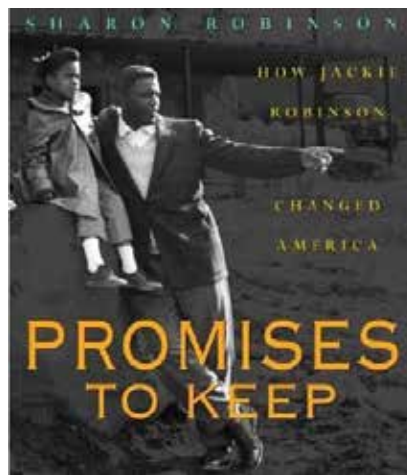
Fourth grade has some fun field

trips coming up! In the beginning of May, we will be going to Ganondagan State Historic Park, where they will get to see what a real longhouse looked like. Shortly after, we will be headed to watch the Rochester Red Wings play baseball! Please keep checking ParentSquare for updates!

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 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 Alirra Nolan and Liam Small. 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 Math

Ms. Ferris

Everyone has been working hard in 5th grade math! We have been spending a lot of time learning about fractions and decimals. We will be taking the New York State math test on May 7 and 8. Because of their hard work, I know that they are going to do great. Remember, trying your best is the best thing you can do! Once the test is over, we will focus on finishing to prepare for 6th grade. We are looking forward to all of the fun things we have planned between now and the end of the school year!

Fifth Grade Science &

Mrs. Hillman

On March 28, the 5th grade, along with the help of some high school students, put on an Eclipse Day for elementary students. We all had fun learning about the solar eclipse and rotating through various activities led by the students. The kids enjoyed festive face painting, glow in the dark painting, glow bracelets, a photo booth, making solar shelters, and so much more! We ended with a glow in the dark dance party! Thank you to all the students who made this such a special day.



A Letter from the Principal

Communication is one of the most important skills as a Building Principal. It is something that I think about frequently, trying to find ways to make it clearer and more frequent for our parents and students. When problems arise, I find that more often than not, it can be traced back to our communication approach. I would like you to know that trying to improve our practices and routines at school is one of the job duties I really enjoy. With your help, I feel that we have all of the pieces of the puzzle on the table—we just need to work together to put them all in the right place!

With that said, there are many important dates and announcements coming these next two months. We have already completed our ELA state tests, which leaves us with Math (May 7-8) for our 6-8th grade, and Science (May 16) for our 8th grade students. Our i-Ready end-of-year assessments will take place after Memorial Day break, and our Senior Prom will be held on Saturday, May 11, at the beautiful Sunrise Ridge in Shinglehouse, PA.

June will bring about our awards ceremonies, which will once again take place during the school day, based on the significant positive feedback we received from the community. The ceremonies will be live-streamed for those who can't make it in person. We are currently looking at the first week in June for those ceremonies to take place. That takes us right into Regents exams and the last days of school:

- Last day for 7th – 12th graders: Tuesday, June 13
- NO SCHOOL – Wednesday, June 19
- Half days for 6th graders: Monday, June 24 and Tuesday, June 25
- Last day for teachers: Wednesday, June 26
- Graduation: Sunday, June 30, at 1:00 p.m.

All these dates, including more, like concerts, athletics, etc. will also be clearly listed on our district website, along with reminders on our Facebook page. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me or give me a call. I am always open to suggestions as to how we can make our school run better, as well as how to make your jobs as parents less stressful!

Jeff Margeson

Secondary Principal



Sixth Grade Science

Mrs. Bentley

On March 22, Mr. Smith's 6th grade science class went to The Challenger Learning Center in Allegany where students participated in The Great Rocket Design Contest. Some great rockets were designed, built, and launched! Students also participated in a simulation of mission control and worked together to rendezvous with Hallie's Comet. All the students and chaperones had a great time!



Allegany County Sports Hall of Fame

Congratulations to Tom Wight on being inducted into the Allegany County Sports Hall of Fame! Tom was a four-sport athlete at Bolivar Central. After coaching stints at Caledonia-Mumford and Churchville-Chili, Tom returned to Bolivar to serve in the BRCS Athletic Department for 17 years, as athletic director and coach of 12 different teams.

BRCS Elementary Speech Pathologist, Tanya Tucker-Scholla, a graduate of Scio Central School, was also inducted.

Congratulations to both Tom and Tanya!



June 2024 BRCS Regents Exam Schedule

June 4 Tuesday	June 14 Friday	June 18 Tuesday	June 20 Thursday	June 21 Friday	June 24 Monday	June 25 Tuesday
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.
Algebra I (New NextGen exam)	ELA	US History & Govt	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)	Global History & Geography II	Chemistry	NONE	NONE	NONE
<p>Note: All morning exams will run from 8:05–11:05 a.m. in the Lower Gymnasium. <u>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.</u></p> <p>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 a.m. This policy is to assure that no students may share any test information.</p>						<p>Grading Change:</p> <p>Regents Exam scores will no longer weigh 20% into a course average starting this year.</p>

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 financial aid forms and other college tasks completed. NOTE: DUE TO THE COMPUTER GLITCHES WITH THE NEW FAFSA, MANY COLLEGES ARE DELAYING THE DATE STUDENTS HAVE TO COMMIT AND SEND IN DEPOSITS. 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 Friday May 31 for seniors, faculty, and staff! Wear a shirt that represents your future plans after graduation—your college, military branch, or your future employer.



GRADUATION 2024

Graduation will be at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 30, 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 27.



National Junior Honor Society Inducts New Members



On Thursday, February 15, 2024, twelve students were inducted into the Bolivar-Richburg Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. To be eligible, eighth and ninth graders at Bolivar-Richburg must maintain a 90% or above cumulative high school average in addition to meeting high standards of character, leadership, and service.

Front Row: Delaney Loucks, Mya Zilker, Kylee Whiting

Second Row: Christian Higby, Autumn Cicarelli, West DePrier

Third Row: Bentley Youngs, Connor Margeson, Emma Plants

Back Row: Mason Thompson, Ren Button

We congratulate all new members of the National Junior Honor Society! You make us proud!

SUMMER IMMUNIZATIONS FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR



Clinics will be held at the Allegany County Office Building in Belmont, NY

A healthy school year starts here. To get your kids ready for next school year, make sure they are up-to-date on their required immunizations. This is especially important if your child is starting Pre-K, Kindergarten, 6th, 7th or 12th grade.

For Questions about whether your child has the required immunizations, please check with your child's healthcare provider.

July 10th
July 16th
July 23rd
July 31st
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

August 6th
August 13th
August 20th
August 28th
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Call us to make an appointment for any summer clinic. Call 585.268.9250 and press option 3.

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2024-2025 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 7, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. prevailing time, for presentation of the District’s proposed 2024-2025 budget.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Annual Meeting and Vote of the qualified voters of the District (the “Annual Meeting and Vote”) will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, between the hours of 12 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 2024-2025 school year, five (5) additional propositions, electing three (3) members of the Board of Education (the “Board”), and any other matters as may be lawfully presented at the meeting:

PROPOSITIONS

Proposition 1 – Annual Budget (2024-2025):

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the budget for the Bolivar-Richburg Central School District (the “District”) for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, 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 (the “District”) 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 \$509,600.00, using \$509,600.00 of funds currently on hand in the Bolivar-Richburg Central School District Capital (Transportation) Reserve Fund.

Proposition 3 – Purchase of Floor Scrubbers and Bathroom Cleaner/Sanitizer Machines:

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the Bolivar-Richburg Central School District in Allegany County, New York (the “District”) is hereby authorized to purchase two (2) floor scrubbers and two (2) bathroom cleaner/sanitizer machines at an estimated maximum cost of \$48,383.96, using \$48,383.96 of funds currently on hand in the Bolivar-Richburg Central School District Capital Buildings and Grounds Vehicles, Machinery and Equipment Reserve Fund.

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Proposition 4 – 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 \$8,000.00 for a total of \$61,500.00, and that the Board of Education of the Bolivar-Richburg Central School District (the “District”) is hereby authorized to levy and collect taxes in the District for payment thereof.

Proposition 5 – 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 \$4,716.45 for a total of \$51,880.88, and that the Board of Education of the Bolivar-Richburg Central School District (the “District”) is hereby authorized to levy and collect taxes in the District for payment thereof.

Proposition 6 – 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 \$3,519.00 for a total of \$47,502.00, and that the Board of Education of the Bolivar-Richburg Central School District (the “District”) is hereby authorized to levy and collect taxes in the District for the payment thereof.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election for members of the Board shall be held to fill three (3) at-large vacancies created by the expiration, on June 30, 2024, of the terms of Board members Jude Auman, Erin Baldwin, and Michelle Clark. The candidates receiving, respectively, the largest, second-largest number, and third-largest number of votes shall each be elected to three-year terms commencing on July 1, 2024 and expiring June 30, 2027.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all candidates for the office of member of the Board shall be nominated by petition. Petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board shall be filed in the office of the District Clerk in the District’s secondary building between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., not later than 5:00 p.m. on April 22, 2024. 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 2023 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 and early mail 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 and early mail ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time on Tuesday, May 21, 2024. A list of all persons to whom absentee and early mail 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 or early mail 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 21, 2024.

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 25, 2024. 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 only qualified voters of the District shall be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting and Vote. 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) a 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 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 Board at the secondary building on or before April 22, 2024 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 Board 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 District's budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, 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.

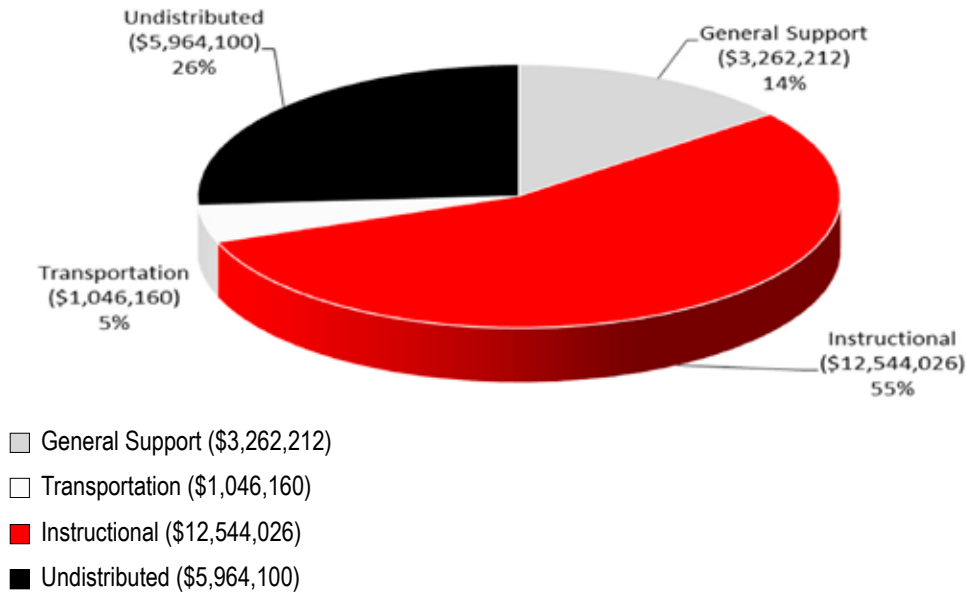
AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that District residents are encouraged to closely monitor the District's website at: <https://www.brcs.wnyric.org> for the most up-to-date information concerning the District's Annual Meeting and Vote.

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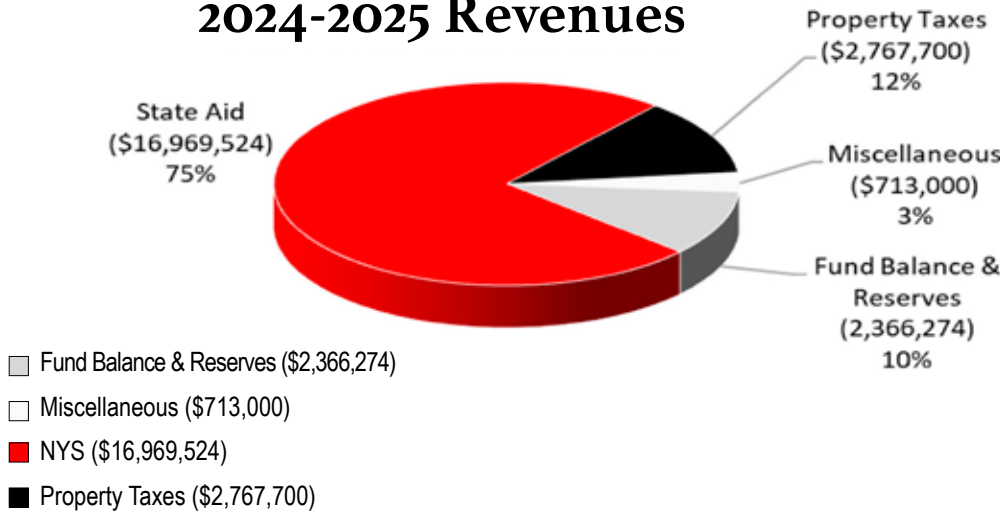
Connie P. Emery
Clerk, Board of Education
Bolivar-Richburg Central School
100 School Street
Bolivar, NY 14715
April 3, 2024



2024-2025 Expenditures



2024-2025 Revenues



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 three at-large vacancies on the Board created by the expiration, on June 30, 2024, of the terms of Board members Jude Auman, Erin Baldwin, and Michelle Clark. The candidates receiving, respectively, the largest, second-largest, and third-largest number of votes shall each be elected to three-year terms commencing on July 1, 2024 and expiring June 30, 2027.

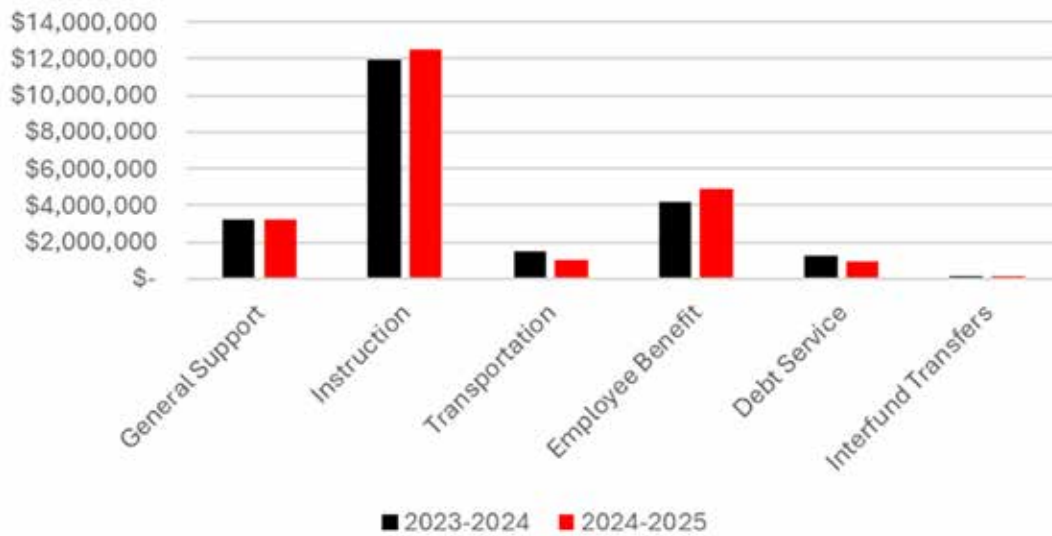
1. Karl Hackett II
2. Michelle Clark
3. Erin Baldwin
4. Rhiannon Sisson
5. Norene Ferris

2024-2025 Proposed Revenues

	23-24 Adopted Budget	24-25 Proposed Budget	% of Total Revenues
Real Property Taxes	\$2,714,763	\$2,767,700	12.13%
Total Interest	\$62,000	\$162,000	0.71%
Sale of Property/Equipment	\$24,500	\$46,000	0.20%
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$350,000	\$410,000	1.80%
State Aid	\$17,043,719	\$16,969,524	74.36%
Federal Medicaid Reimbursement	\$85,000	\$95,000	0.43%
Interfund Revenue (Reserves)	\$1,016,702	\$290,000	1.27%
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$1,054,641	\$2,076,274	9.10%
Total Estimated Revenues	\$22,351,325	\$22,816,498	100%



2023-2024 and 2024-2025 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.

	2023-24 Adopted: Three Part Budget			2024-25 Proposed: Three Part Budget		
	Admin.	Program	Capital	Admin.	Program	Capital
Board of Education	\$18,000			\$18,300		
Central Administration	\$237,610			\$250,620		
Finance	\$287,183			\$314,100		
Legal Services		\$20,000			\$30,000	
Personnel	\$352,425			\$361,000		
Public Information	\$57,000			\$57,500		
Operation of Plant			\$1,128,016			\$1,145,621
Maintenance of Plant			\$257,883			\$263,654
Other Central Services	\$517,000			\$497,000		
Refund of Taxes			\$3,000			\$2,000
Other Special Items	\$314,026		\$65,000	\$322,417		
Curriculum Development & Supervision	\$99,490	\$66,207		\$25,000	\$71,207	
Supervision Regular School	\$443,209			\$459,794		
Instruction		\$11,380,312			\$11,988,025	
Purchase of Buses			\$460,000			\$-
Other District Transportation		\$932,652			\$956,560	
Garage Building		\$89,700			\$89,600	
Employee Benefits	\$449,270	\$3,424,799	\$337,009	\$467,659	\$4,047,617	\$369,024
Debt Service			\$1,251,534			\$909,800
Interfund Transfers		\$160,000			\$170,000	
TOTAL	\$2,775,213	\$16,073,370	\$3,502,442	\$2,773,390	\$17,353,009	\$2,690,099



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

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Board of Education:

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

Current Resident

or Local Postal Patron

Administration:

Charles Leichner, Interim Superintendent
Susan Bokman, Director of Special Education
Megan Duke, Elementary Principal
Jeffrey Margeson, Secondary Principal
Mary Snyder, CSE/CPSE/504 Chairperson
Sarah Cartmill, Director of Curriculum
Jessica Mitchell, School Business Administrator



BUDGET VOTE & BOARD ELECTIONS
Tuesday, May 21, 2024

***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 2024-25
School Budget Vote***

The 2024-2025 Budget Hearing has
been scheduled for Tuesday,
May 7, 2024 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 eligibility for Basic STAR or Enhanced STAR

***For a
home assessed at
\$100,000***

Assessed Value.....\$100,000
Estimated 24-25 tax rate per \$1,000\$12.76*
Estimated 24-25 tax on property.....\$1,276

**Includes support for Library Tax Levy*

***For a
home assessed at
\$150,000***

Assessed Value.....\$150,000
Estimated 24-25 tax rate per \$1,000\$19.14*
Estimated 24-25 tax on property.....\$2,871

**Includes support for Library Tax Levy*

*****Above estimates are based on Full Value Tax Rates and Assessments as of August 2023***