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A DISTRICT COMMUNICATION

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BVLS Facilities Committee: Planning for Growth

BVLS Community,

I want to extend a sincere thank you to the many parents, staff, and community members who joined us for the Facilities Committee Meeting on Wednesday evening. Spending time with such a dedicated group coming together to support the future of our district was truly inspiring. Your presence sent a strong message: we are united in our commitment to providing the best possible environment for our students.

We kicked off the evening with a comprehensive overview of our current enrollment and capacity analysis. The data is clear: our community is a destination for families, and as we continue to grow, we must proactively manage our facilities to keep pace. We are faced with the critical challenge of ensuring our buildings can support the academic excellence and innovative programming that every Buckeye Valley student deserves.

During the presentation, we dug into the "what" and "why" of our capacity challenges. We looked at current trends and future projections to set the stage for the important work ahead. This isn't just about square footage; it's about maintaining small class sizes, providing safe learning environments, and ensuring our facilities reflect the high standards of our district.

The highlight of the evening was undoubtedly the incredible feedback provided by participants. The insights you shared are already helping us shape the next phase of our strategic facility planning.

Moving forward, we are using this feedback to form specialized task force teams. These teams will dig deeper into specific areas of need, including:

- **New Construction:** Exploring potential expansion options.
- **Community Engagement:** Identifying ways to engage our entire BVL community.

This process relies heavily on our community's voice. Whether you are a long-time resident or new to the district, your perspective is invaluable as we build a blueprint for the next decade. Everyone is encouraged to participate!

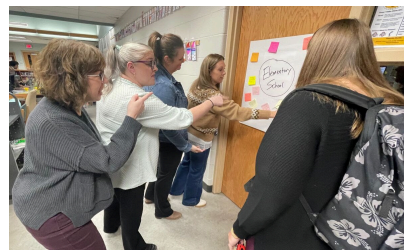
Mark Your Calendars:

- **Next Meeting:** Thursday, January 29th
- **Time:** 6:30 PM
- **Location:** BVMS Library

If you missed the meeting or you would like to review the data that was discussed, you can view the full presentation here: [Facilities Committee Presentation](#)

We look forward to seeing you on January 29th as we continue planning for the future of Buckeye Valley!

Sincerely,



Coming Soon: Track your Child's Bus in Real-Time with Stopfinder!

We are excited to announce that Buckeye Valley Local Schools is launching Stopfinder over the next several weeks, a new all-in-one parent engagement app designed to provide you with the most accurate and real-time information about your child's school bus transportation.

We know that waiting for the bus—or wondering where it is—can be stressful. Stopfinder is designed to give you peace of mind by putting transportation details directly in the palm of your hand.

What Can You Do with Stopfinder? The app is free, secure, and easy to use. Once you are registered, you will be able to:

- **View Real-Time Location:** See exactly where your child's bus is on a live map.
- **Receive ETA Alerts:** Get notifications when the bus is approaching your stop or the school.
- **Set GeoAlerts:** Create custom alert zones to be notified when the bus enters or leaves specific areas.
- **Track Multiple Students:** View all your children's transportation schedules in one place.



How to Get Started: Stopfinder is an invitation-based platform to ensure the privacy and security of our students' information. Over the next several weeks, a few bus routes will go live as we launch.

1. **Check Your Email:** In the coming weeks, please look for an email invitation from "Stopfinder" sent to the email address we have on file for you.
2. **Activate Your Account:** Click the link in the email to activate your subscription.
3. **Download the App:** Download the free Stopfinder app from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

Please note, this is a phased rollout, so not all bus routes will go live next week. Emails to families with students who are bus riders will be sent in waves over the next several weeks.

We are thrilled to bring this technology to our BVLS community to enhance safety and communication for all our families.

Learning Aid Ohio

If you have a child who receives special education services through an IEP, your child may qualify for free tutoring services through Learning Aid Ohio.

Learning Aid Ohio is a program designed to elevate students with developmental disabilities through supplemental educational services. They connect families with tutors to help students stay on track toward their unique academic goals, specific to their individual needs and based on the curriculum their traditional teachers set. In support of that mission, we provide students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) funding for in-person, supplemental learning support.

To receive funding from Learning Aid Ohio, a student's guardian or caregiver applies for a grant. Once approved, you can browse our available tutors in your area with the expertise you need for your student. Then, schedule interviews with tutors who seem like a good fit. After a successful match, students can use their Learning Aid Ohio grant to schedule tutoring sessions with their preferred tutor.

To qualify for a Learning Aid Ohio grant, students must meet specific requirements, including:

- Be learning on an Individualized Education Program (IEP)
- Be an Ohio resident
- Be a member of a family with a household income less than 400% of the Federal Poverty Level

If you are interested in finding out more information, click [here](#) to be taken to Learning Aid Ohio's website.

Quarter 2 Report Cards Now Available In The PowerSchool Parent Portal

Quarter 2 Report Cards are now available in the PowerSchool Parent/Student Portal. To access your student's report card, you must have an active PowerSchool Parent account. If you need assistance, please contact Cassie Holewinski via email at cholewinski@mybvls.org.

The steps for logging in to the PowerSchool Portal:

- Sign into your PowerSchool Parent Portal account [HERE](#).



- If you have multiple children in the district, click on the tab for the child whose report card you'd like to view.

On the left side of the screen, click on "Report Cards". The report card will be generated, and there will be an option to print it.

Important Things To Note:

- You cannot access report cards from the PowerSchool mobile app, but you can login to PowerSchool using the web browser on your cell phone to view the report card.

Additional Resources:

[How to Access Student Report Card Step Sheet](#)

Now Open: 2026-2027 Preschool Peer Model Waitlist

Families interested in the Baron's Early Learning Preschool Peer Model Program for the 2026–27 school year should be aware that the online waitlist is now open. Peer model spots are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, so we encourage families to sign up promptly. To join the waitlist, click [HERE](#).


Important Updates for Next Year:

- Children ages 4 and 5 may be accepted into the program.
- PM classes will be offered to children who will be Kindergarten-eligible the following school year.
- AM classes will be reserved for children who are 4 years old.
- To be eligible for the AM class, children must turn 4 years old on the first day of the 2026-2027 school year.

If your child is currently enrolled as a peer model and will remain in preschool another year, no action is needed. They will automatically continue in the program for the next school year.

Save the Date! Kindergarten Information Night

Welcome
**Class of
2039**



February 11th 6:00 p.m.
Parent Information Nights
for Incoming Kindergarten Students

Students are eligible for
kindergarten if they turn 5 on or before the first day of school.

Our agenda will include the following information:

- Registration and Enrollment Details
- Screening dates and times
- Kindergarten Readiness
- Teacher Information
- Learning expectations for kindergarten
- Signing up for transportation
- Food service (breakfasts and lunches)
- Volunteer opportunities

Please attend the meeting at the school serving your area of residence.
If you are unsure, please contact us to find your school.

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