
MEMO

TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION
FROM: RYAN PEYTON, SUPERINTENDENT
DATE: SEPTEMBER 2026
RE: SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Crisis Management Letter and Reunification

Ensuring a safe and secure learning environment is our highest priority, please take a few minutes to review the attached annual Crisis Management Letter detailing our emergency safety protocols, crisis communication procedures, and student reunification plans. To help us keep our community safe and informed, please log into the family portal to verify that your contact information and emergency contacts are up to date. Please reach out to the office if you have any questions.

[Crisis Management Letter](#)

Blue Ridge Wall of Fame

More than two decades ago, the Blue Ridge School District established the Wall of Fame to honor individuals who have dedicated a significant portion of their lives to making a positive impact on our schools, including the legacy districts of Bellflower and Mansfield.

Thanks to our community's thoughtful nominations, this year's pool of candidates featured exceptional individuals. A selection panel composed of teachers, parents, administrators, and current Wall of Fame members from across our communities reviewed the recommendations and selected nine outstanding nominees. We extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who submitted a nomination, and we are thrilled to announce our newest inductee, Ken Seneca. Ken was the Industrial Technology Instructor at Blue Ridge High School for 33 years. Come hear more about Mr. Seneca's lasting contributions to our district at the Homecoming Coronation Ceremony on September 20th! The ceremony kicks off with the official introduction of the new Wall of Fame member at 6:00 PM in Moore Gym at BRHS. We invite anyone whose life has been touched by this honoree to attend and show their support. Immediately following will be a reception in the BRHS Library. Come celebrate with the inductee, their family, and friends!

Homecoming Week

Kick off Homecoming week with us on Sunday, September 20th at 6:00 PM in the BRHS Old Gym for the Coronation ceremony and end with our Friday, September 25th football game which starts at 6:30 p.m.! The celebrations will also include our annual Homecoming Parade. The parade steps off at 4:00 PM from the high school, routes south on John Street, east on Route 54, and heads back north on Main Street before finishing at the square. Come out, line the streets, and show your support for our Knights!

School Board Recognition

I am proud to announce that the Blue Ridge Board of Education has earned the Illinois Association of School Boards 2026 School Board Governance Recognition, placing our district among just 53 school boards statewide to receive this honor. This distinction recognizes board members who actively model effective governance, pursue continuous professional development, and align district goals to support high-quality public education. Our board members voluntarily dedicate countless hours to transparent decision-making, policy leadership, and student-centered growth. Please join me in thanking our Board of Education for their exceptional service and unwavering commitment to the Blue Ridge community.

Schneider Playground Ribbon Cutting

Join us for the Schneider Playground Ribbon Cutting on October 2 at 1:30 p.m. Come see this fun, new learning space for our students prior to the start of our BRSE Knight Walk.

Other Tasks:

- Completed budget for FY27
- Conducted Joint Insurance Meeting
- Meeting with Loman Ray Insurance regarding Renewal Rates
- Prepared and delivered Back to School Presentation
- Presented at Substitute Training
- Administrative Pre-Conferences and Goal Setting Meetings
- Negotiations Meeting
- IASA Weekly Mentee Meeting
- BRFT Monthly Meeting
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- Bushue Management Meeting
- Weekly Administrative Council Meetings
- Technology Meeting with Andrea and Dave
- Finance Team Meeting with Brock Martin
- Transportation Meeting with Mindy
- Food Service Meeting with Tonya
- O & M Meeting with Rusty
- CEO Board Meeting
- Safety Planning Meeting with SRO