
MEMO

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

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week

As we celebrate Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week, I want to take a moment to recognize the incredible educators we have here at Blue Ridge. Our teachers work tirelessly every day to promote student learning and academic growth, often going well beyond the classroom to ensure our students feel supported and challenged. Their dedication to the profession and their commitment to the success of every child are the driving forces behind our district's achievements. We are truly fortunate to have such a passionate and hardworking staff shaping the future of our community.

FFA Recognition and Section Success

Our Blue Ridge FFA chapter has achieved extraordinary success in the National Chapter Award program. I am proud to announce that our chapter has been named a National Finalist, placing us in the top 10% of all chapters in Illinois. This achievement means our application will now advance to the national level for further competition. Additionally, the chapter was honored as the Section 16 Premier Chapter and was named the Section 16 Winner in all three core areas that comprise the overall award: Building Communities, Growing Leaders, and Strengthening Agriculture. Our FFA chapter will be going to the State Convention next month to compete for the top program honors in Illinois for the second consecutive year!

Inaugural Home Track Meet

This month, Blue Ridge will host its first home track meet in over 20 years. It's a momentous occasion for our district, and we are incredibly thankful to have a premier facility that fosters a deep sense of pride among our student-athletes and the entire community. This event is a significant undertaking, and I want to extend my sincere gratitude to the stakeholders who are making it possible, including our administrators, teachers, students, board members, and community volunteers.

Other Tasks:

- ROE Superintendent Meeting
- Negotiations Committee Meeting
- Board Negotiations Meeting
- IASA Weekly Mentor Collaborations
- Radio Interview with Seth Laurence
- BRFT Monthly Meeting
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- Bushue Management Meeting
- CICEO Board Meeting
- TCSEA Board Meeting
- Weekly Administrative Council Meetings
- Technology Meeting
- Transportation Meeting
- Sub Caller Interviews
- Finance Team Meeting
- Transportation Training with Debra and Mindy
- Meeting with Clinton YMCA
- Stacie France Meetings for Continuous Improvement Planning
- FY27 Planning Meetings
- BREF