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To: Blue Ridge Board of Education
Mr. Ryan Peyton, Superintendent

From: Brian Easter, Blue Ridge High School Principal

Date: April 10, 2026

Re: BRHS Board Report

Upcoming Events:

MAY

- 11 Home baseball (4:30), Home Softball (4:30), Home Track & Field (4:00)
- 12 Home Softball (4 p.m.), Spring Pops Concert (7:30 p.m.)
- 13 Baseball at Heritage
- 14 Girls Track at Maroa-Forsyth (IHSA Sectional), Home Baseball (4:30)
- 17 BRHS Graduation Ceremony (2:00)
- 18 Softball Regionals Begin, Baseball at Schlarman
- 20 Boys Track at Maroa-Forsyth (IHSA Sectional)
- 21-23 IHSA Girls State Track Meet
- 25 Baseball Regionals Begin
- 28-30 IHSA Boys State Track Meet

JUNE

- 8-11 State FFA Convention (Springfield)

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- Senior Finals May 13 and 14
- Graduation May 17, 2 p.m.
- Final Exams May 18, 19 and 20

FYI:

By the numbers -

We have 156 students enrolled at Blue Ridge High School.

Average Daily Attendance Rate for the month of April was 90.6%

Discipline data as of May 6th (and since April 11th):

- Detentions - 144 (31)
 - Lunch detentions accounted for 26 instances this past month.
 - Before/After school detentions accounted for 5 instances.
 - At this time last year we had assigned 140 detentions.

- Saturday Schools - 0
 - At this time last year we had assigned one student to a Saturday School.

- In-School Suspensions - 16 (2)
 - 2 students received ISS during this reporting period.
 - Suspensions totaled 2.5 days during this reporting period.
 - At this time last year there had been 12 in school suspensions.

- Out of School Suspensions - 7 (0)
 - No student received OSS during this reporting period.
 - Suspension totaled 0 full days during this reporting period.
 - At this time last year there had been 3 out of school suspensions.

- Electronics referrals - 74 (6)
 - 35 students have received a referral for electronics.
 - 17 students have reached at least level 2.
 - 10 students are on a contract.
 - 4 students have violated the contract agreement.
 - At this time last year there had been 82 electronics referrals.

Our Alternative Education students (through the Edgenuity program) have collectively completed 80 classes for a total of 54 earned credits as of May 6th. Thirteen students are currently enrolled in at least one hour of alternative education. We recently had a student return to make up 1 credit so he could earn his high school diploma.

Grade Breakdown as of May 6th

Here you can see the total number of As, Bs, Cs, Ds and Fs that each grade level has at the time of the year. The total number of failing grades is considerably down from years past. I credit much of this to improved communication from the office to the students (Mr. Kirkton and I meet with students regularly who have Ds and Fs), as well as improved communications from the teachers to the parents. The latter is always an area that can be improved.

	#	A	B	C	D	F
FR	44	134	75	48	22	17
		45%	25%	16%	7%	6%
SO	33	78	80	49	16	5
		34%	35%	21%	7%	2%
JR	36	88	74	36	13	3
		41%	35%	17%	6%	1%
SR	43	112	70	30	16	8
		47%	30%	13%	7%	3%
Total	156	412	299	163	67	33
		42%	31%	17%	7%	3%

ACT Results are in for the spring (will discuss at the meeting)

ACT	Last Year	This Year
Composite	19.4	17.9
Math	18.4	18.0
Science	18.9	17.6
STEM	18.9	18.0
English	19.6	16.5
Reading	20.4	19.0
Writing	6.3	6.5
ELA	19.3	17.7

Some quick observations:

Last Year - 22/43 scored above state average (18.8)

This Year - 12/37 scored above state average (18.2)

We are above state average in Reading (state 18.6, us 19.0), above state average in writing (state 6.3, us 6.5), ELA composite (state 17.6, us 17.7)

Writing subsection improved from a 6.3 average to a 6.5 average, all other areas experienced between a 0.4 to a 3.1 point decrease with the biggest drop happening in English (Last year average 19.6, this year average 16.5).

A few tidbits from the announcements over the past month:

- A huge congratulations to the Blue Ridge Art Club, who are "Back-to-Back Champions" after taking home 1st Place overall at the Love for the Arts competition at Eastern Illinois University! Congratulations also to the individual ribbon winners: Ben Manuel twice, Indra Nolan, Ivy Whitehouse, AJ Brown, Caden Mayfield, Renn Light, Maddison Grider, and Shelby Whisman, who also won the Teacher's Choice award.
- Junior prom attendants
 - Kaleb Forrest, Tyler Holtz, Addie Browning and Kelly Weiss
- Prom court candidates
 - For King - Ben Clevenger, Apollo Gannaway, Jakob Kristensen, Broden Soliday and Justin Zellers
 - For Queen - Jessie Ash, Presley Hardesty, Indra Nolan, Taylyn Watterson and Olivia Yeagle
- Congratulations to the 2026 Prom King Brody Soliday and 2026 Prom Queen Taylyn Watterson.
- From the Ag room, our FFA students have had an outstanding year. The FFA Banquet was held on April 26th with 138 students/parents and FFA Alumni in attendance.
- Congratulations to Romero Fernandez for taking 1st place at the State Culinary Arts competition (offered through Skills USA). Romero will next be competing at the national competition in June.

Our Athletes of the Month for April are:

Girls Track - Charleigh Brining - Charleigh has developed into a good thrower as a freshman and is willing to try new running events.

Boys Track - Apollo Gannaway - Apollo has stepped up during the Month of April to take on some sprinting roles with our relay teams as other athletes have battled injuries or illness, all while still performing in his primary events.

Softball - Olivia Jones - Olivia has been consistently strong on the field, contributing both offensively and defensively. She has also demonstrated natural leadership capabilities in getting the team focused and calmed during games. That's pretty impressive for a freshman.

Baseball - Henry Freden - Henry is holding it down at first base and absolutely disrespecting baseballs at the plate. Pitchers have started filing missing persons reports for anything he hits. Whether he's scooping throws or launching rockets, Henry makes it look easy—and probably has time to grab a snack between plays. If it's anywhere near him, it's either getting caught... or crushed.