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Board Meeting

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No School

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NHS Blood Drive

**March 24**  
Early Release  
End of 3rd Qtr.

**March 25**  
No School



## FBLA Leadership Conference



River Ridge Future Business Leaders of America students attended the Regional Leadership Conference on February 5. We had such a great day with our most ever awards! We are so proud of all of our FBLA students, they were fantastic. The top 3 places advanced to compete at the State Leadership Conference being held in Madison March 28-29.

1st Place Outstanding Chapter Award  
1st Place Community Service Project Award

**1st place:** Olivia Zach-Accounting II, Jared Breuer-Agribusiness, Diana Herbers/Madilyn Parker-Banking & Financial Services, Jimena Hernandez-Intro. to Business Communication, Seth Breuer-Networking Infrastructure, Eley Otte-Supply Chain Management

**2nd place:** Amelia Wehrle-Client Service, Maya Drone-Human Resource Management, Micah Christopherson-Intro. to Business Communication, Braylyn Quick-Intro. to FBLA, Tori Doll-Publication Design, Andrew Mims-Broadcast Journalism

**3rd place:** Kennedy Copsy-Business Communications, Shayna Graf-Business Management, Brady Bunge-Computer Applications, Hannah Stagman-Healthcare Administration, Brody Kielley/Gabe Duran-International Business, Carli Koenig/Hailey Kramer-Intro. to Business Presentation, Lexi Tolle-Journalism, Kayden Rehmus-Supply Chain Management, Brooklyn Mezera/Gretta Hamann-Website Design, Xavier Koopmeiners-UX Design

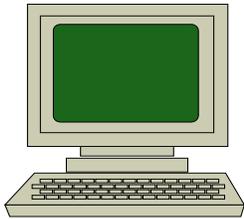
**4th place:** Alivia Polodna/Payton Kaufman/Julia Wagner-Hospitality & Event Management, Alayna Brinkman/Mandi Wehrle/Emily Tesar-Intro. to Social Media Strategy, Emma Breuer-Job Interview

**5th place:** Jasmine Harvey-Intro. to Business, Will Cooley-Entrepreneurship, Brynlee Kazda-Intro. to FBLA, Jenna Fuller/Caitlin Herrick/Rachael Zinkle-Marketing

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# Mission Statement

The River Ridge School District will strive to provide a safe, challenging environment for each individual student by promoting excellent staff development, encouraging meaningful parent involvement, and earning strong community support through honesty, integrity, and open communication.



Visit our website at [www.rrsd.k12.wi.us](http://www.rrsd.k12.wi.us)

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## Dance Team Advance to State



Congratulations on qualifying for the WACPC High School State Dance Championship held in the La Crosse Civic Center, La Crosse, WI. On February 5, the River Ridge Dance Team traveled to Watertown, WI to perform at the Wisconsin Association of Cheer/Pom Coaches 2022 Regional High School Championship. After a great performance in the two categories, the Dance Team placed 1st in D3 Kick and placed 2nd place in D6 Pom. The team qualified to perform at the state level. State competition was held on Saturday, February 12. Congratulations, girls!

### Continue from FBLA

**6th place:** Ricardo Barrita-Accounting I, Alix Goeke/Reghan Zinkle/Melissa Sletten-Graphic Design, Corey DeMerchant-UX Design

**7th place:** Daisy Hernandez/Joslynn Simerson-Business Ethics, Jacob DeMerchant-Human Resource Management

**8th place:** Anthony Davis-Agribusiness, Audrey Pierce/Jade Underhill-Intro. to Event Planning, Aidan Gage/Jazmar Tyler/Ben Dilley- Sports and Entertainment Management



**No School - - March 11, 2022**

**Early Release (12:30 PM) March 24, 2022**

**No School -- March 25, 2022**

## FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS POLICY STATEMENT

The River Ridge School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

District Administrator  
P.O. Box 78, 11165 County Highway P  
Patch Grove, WI 53817  
Telephone No. 608-994-2715

For further information on notice of non-discrimination, visit <https://ocrcas.ed.gov/contact-ocr> for the address and phone number of the office that serves your area, or call 1-800-421-3481.

### Attention

#### 3rd – 8th Grade Parents!!!

##### Forward Exam Testing Dates and Information

By Kam Fohey

Our state testing is approaching this spring. It is important for your student to attend during testing dates. Please try your best to avoid scheduling appointments and other absences between March 28 and April 8.

A brochure put out by the Wisconsin Department of Education has more information concerning testing for your student. You can find a copy of the brochure at: [https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/assessment/pdf/Forward\\_Brochure\\_for\\_Families.pdf](https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/assessment/pdf/Forward_Brochure_for_Families.pdf)

A hard copy can be printed for you at the school if needed. Also, if you are interested in checking out sample test problems you can go to the following website to do so: <https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/forward/sample-items>

Please make sure that your child gets a nutritious breakfast and a good night's sleep before testing days. Breakfast is available here at school for free every morning. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Mrs. Fohey at 994-1063 or [foheyka@rrsd.k12.wi.us](mailto:foheyka@rrsd.k12.wi.us).

### Reading Wolf Pack

by Deb Trautsch



Thank you to the local business that supports the River Ridge Reading Wolf Pack Program where each student in 4K - 6th grade will receive a free book of their choice. Pictured above are Mrs. Miller's class with their books.

### Student Athlete Signs to Continue Career



Congratulations to David Nies for signing his letter of intent with Winona State Warriors. David has played football all four years of high school and now will continue to play next fall. Pictured are David with parents and family members.

## 100th Day Celebration



The elementary students in 4K-4th grade celebrated the 100th day on February 4. The students were asked to bring 100 item display for all to view in the hallway. This year, February 3 was the kick off to the 100th day celebration and the staff and students dressed up as if they were “100 years old.” Friday was fun activities for the students. The activities included counting to 100

activities, movies, parachute, and aging booth. At the end of the activities all students and staff enjoyed Culver’s custard. Pictured are some students dressed up for our “What would you look like in a 100 years” activity. Thank you to RRAP for supplying delicious custard treat for the students and staff.





## Let's Celebrate Music in the School Month



**Mr. Aaron Cooley**  
5th - 12th Grade  
Band Director



**Mrs. Diane Malcom**  
4K - 2nd Grade  
General Music



**Mrs. Ellen Martin**  
3rd - 12th Grade  
General Music/Choir Director



### Elementary Music Fun

by Diane Malcom



What do buckets, a water bottle with rice and The Beatles have in common? In Mrs. Malcom's music classes we find everyday items to play along with famous musicians from John Philip Sousa to The Beatles. We've used drumsticks and spoons to study rhythmic sounds in songs while giving our brain a workout.

There are only a few things in life that stimulate our young minds like rhythm does. Rhythm affects the cerebellum, the largest part of our brain that controls reflexes, balance, skeletal muscle movement and auditory system. The kids say it's just plain fun.

### 6th Grade General Music



### 5th Grade General Music



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **HS Honors Band -**  
March 8
- **Middle School POPS Concert**  
March 10 - 7:00 PM
- **High School POPS Concert**  
March 15 - 7:00 PM
- **Opera for the Young**  
March 21 - 1:30 PM
- **High School Solo/Ensemble**  
March 26
- **5th- 8th Gd Spring Concert**  
April 28 - 7:00 PM
- **State Solo/Ensemble**  
April 30- UW-Platteville
- **Large Group Contest**  
May 4
- **Music Awards Night**  
May 11 - HS Gym
- **Senior Awards Banquet**  
May 18 - 7:00 PM
- **High School Graduation**  
May 20 - 7:00 PM
- **8th Grade Graduation**  
May 26 - 7:00 PM
- **Memorial Day Parade**  
May 30
- **HS Band and Choir Music Trip**  
Branson, Missouri  
June 20 - 24



*Music is Poetry  
with  
Personality*



Star Spangled Banner Singer





**MUSIC IN OUR  
SCHOOLS  
MONTH**



*Life is  
Better  
with  
Music*

**Thank you**  
for  
the music  
in the  
River Ridge Schools



# March Is Youth Art Month

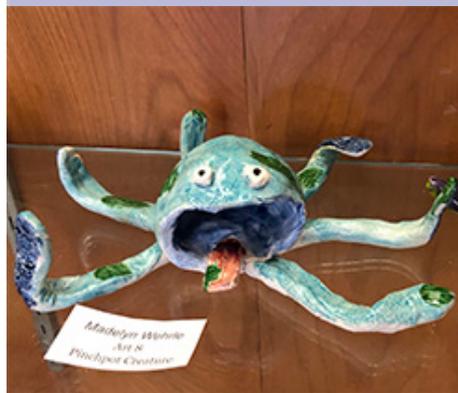


5K - 12th Grade  
Art Teacher



Braydon Bull  
Surrealist Collage  
Art Exploration

**Surrealist Collage**  
Art Exploration



Madelyn Winton  
Art 8  
Pinchpot Creature

**Pinchpot Creature**  
Art 8



Foam Art



**Surrealist Collage**  
Art Exploration



**Pinchpot Creature**  
Art 8



**Surrealist Collage**  
Art Exploration

## School Counselor News

by Caron Townsend

### River Ridge Leaders Attended Peer Helpers Training



Six River Ridge sophomores were chosen by the faculty to attend a Peer Helpers Mental Health Training. The training included empathetic listening, stigma reduction, stress, and resources to help someone in need.

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

**Local Scholarships** - March 1- April 1, 2022

**ACT Test** – March 8, 2022 (Juniors)

**Cap & Gown Pictures** - March 16, 2022 (Seniors)

**ACT Aspire 9** – April 4-11, 2022 (Freshman)

**ACT Aspire 10** – April 12-19, 2022 (Sophomores)

**National Honor Society Banquet** – April 20, 2022

**Forward Exam** – April 21, 2022 (Sophomores)

**AP English Lit Exam** – May 4, 2022

**AP US History Exam** – May 6, 2022

**AP Language** – May 10, 2022

**AP Biology Exam** – May 11, 2022

**Senior Awards Banquet** – May 18, 2022

**Graduation** – May 20, 2022

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## Suicide Awareness Basketball Game



It was Suicide Prevention Game Night in counties around southern Wisconsin Friday night, February 4. The Six Rivers Conference had an east-west crossover series to bring awareness of suicide. Fourteen varsity and junior varsity games were played in four counties.

River Ridge was host to Monticello for this night. A committee of River Ridge students organized t-shirt sales, a resource table, donation buckets and a half-time shoot out to help support awareness and resources to our area. Thank you to everyone who donated in any way to this cause. Due to the hard work of this committee and your generosity, River Ridge was able to donate \$776.26 to the Suicide Prevention Coalition of Iowa County Wisconsin.



# River Ridge Middle School

# Students of the Month

## February 2022



### Ellaina Gage - 8th Grade

Ellaina's nomination said, "Ellaina is an 8th grader who is always giving 100% and brings the light to our classroom everyday. She is in Student Council, Play 60, volleyball, basketball, and choir. She has done a great job in leading her book club the last few weeks and always completes her school work with full effort. You can always count on her for positive participation in class discussions and a good laugh!" Way to go, Ellaina!



### Matthew McCormick- 7th Grade

Matthew's nomination read, "Matthew has done a fantastic job closing the gaps in his learning. Classes were difficult for him when he first joined our school. His work ethic and participation in class has greatly improved. He is a good friend to everyone and seems to have found/filled an important niche in the 7th grade." Keep up the good work, Matthew!



### Alan Hernandez - 6th Grade

Alan's nomination said, "Alan is a kind student that is always looking out for his classmates and others around him. I have had Alan as a student for a couple of years now, and I have yet to see him without a positive attitude and a smile on his face." Congrats, Alan!



### Hazel Breuer - 5th Grade

Hazel's nomination read, "Hazel is a sweet, hard-working 5th-grade student who brings many smiles to those around her. She sets high goals for her academic success, always giving her full effort to each task. Hazel treats everyone with kindness. She is a delightful young lady." Nice job, Hazel!



### February Nominees

8th Grade - Caitlin Rodenberg & Colton Kirschbaum

7th Grade - Keele Redman & Wyatt George

6th Grade - Logan Callahan

5th Grade - Wyatt Bull

# LIBRARY CORNER

## RRAP Donates to The Lightbulb Lab

**Thank you to the River Ridge Active Parents organization for the generous gift to the library's makerspace, The Lightbulb Lab!**

**We are thrilled to have RRAPs support!**

**Through this donation we are able to organize our makerspace and continue build a space to be creatvie and explore.**



The River Ridge School District is looking to encourage more families to take advantage of the healthy choices available for school breakfast. River Ridge families and students will see lots of school breakfast promotions in early March. The school will celebrate National School Breakfast Week during March 7 - 11, 2022.

Mornings can be hectic, making it a challenge for many families to find time for a healthy breakfast. However, studies show that students who eat school breakfast are more likely to:

- Reach higher levels of achievement in reading and math
- Score higher on standardized tests
- Have better concentration and memory
- Be more alert
- Maintain a healthy weight

Playground Fundraiser Sponsored by RRAP

# BOUNCE HOUSE FUN!



**WHEN: SATURDAY, MARCH 5TH  
8:00AM-NOON**

**(8:00-9:00 IS FOR KIDDOS 5 AND YOUNGER,  
9:00-NOON IS FOR ALL AGES,  
KIDS 8 AND YOUNGER MUST HAVE A PARENT PRESENT)**

**WHERE: RIVER RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM**

**\$10 PER PERSON**

Concessions will be available

# Substitute Teacher Training

*Bachelor and Associates Degree Holders  
Can Work as Substitute Teachers!*



A Two-Year Associates or Four-Year Bachelors Degree in any area is necessary for you to participate in this training.

The seminar will introduce participants to the field of substitute teaching by covering the general expectations of a substitute teacher, pertinent information on health issues, successful discipline techniques, hints for working with students who have special needs and more.

*All participants will earn a Certificate of Participation!*

**Thursday, March 10, 2022**

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Seminar

## **CESA 3**

This training will be offered IN-PERSON at the CESA 3 Office, Conference Room A, 1300 Industrial Dr., Fennimore, WI 53809

Cost: \$100.00

Pre-registration is required!

*Please register early.*

Registration deadline is Monday, March 7, 2022!

*Please send payment prior to training to secure registration.*

Checks should be made payable to CESA 3, 1300 Industrial Dr., Fennimore, WI 53809

Register online at:

[https://login.myquickreg.com/register/event/event.cfm?from\\_cms=1&eventid=29834](https://login.myquickreg.com/register/event/event.cfm?from_cms=1&eventid=29834)

or visit MyQuickReg at: <https://login.myquickreg.com/>

For further information, please contact:

Kate Hennessy at CESA 3

608-822-2149 or [khennessy@cesa3.org](mailto:khennessy@cesa3.org)



### Breakfast/Lunch Menu - March, 2022

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
28	1 Scrambled Eggs & Toast Mini Corn Dogs Tater Tots Baked Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	2 Chocolate Chip & Blueberry Breakfast Cake & Yogurt Mozzarella Dippers w/ Marinara Sauce Tossed Salad Baked Apples/Canned Fruit Milk	3 Buttermilk Biscuits & Sausage Gravy Cheeseburger Casserole Steamed Carrots Fresh/Canned Fruit Garlic Breadstick Milk	4 Cereal & Fresh Muffin Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Baby Carrots & Ranch Dip Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk
7 Sunrise Biscuit w/Sausage Cheese Quesadillas Spanish Rice Buttered Corn Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	8 Frosted Long John & Cereal Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Steamed Broccoli Fresh/Canned Fruit Garlic Toast Milk	9 Breakfast Pizza Chicken Nuggets French Fries Mixed Vegetables Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	10 Pancakes & Sausage French Bread Pizza Tossed Salad Oreo Fluff Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	11 NO SCHOOL
14 Cereal & Toast Chicken Fajita Savory Rice Steamed Carrots Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	15 Rise & Shine Croissant w/Bacon Hot Ham & Cheese Tater Tots Baked Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	16 Cinnamon & Blueberry Breakfast Cake & Yogurt Walking Taco Buttered Corn Fresh/Fruit Salad Milk	17 Waffles & Sausage Chicken Patty French Fries Fresh/Canned Fruit St. Patrick's Day Treat Milk	18 Cereal & Donut Holes Fish Sandwich Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk
21 Cereal & Pop Tart Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Buttered Corn Fresh/Canned Fruit Dinner Rolls Milk	22 Breakfast Casserole & Toast BBQ on a Bun Chips Baked Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	23 Fruit Parfait & Cereal Bar Pizza Tossed Salad Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	24 French Toast Bake & Sausage Chili OR Cream of Potato Soup Sweet Rolls Baby Carrots & Celery Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	25 NO SCHOOL
28 Breakfast Pizza Hamburger/Cheeseburger on a Bun Potato Wedges Green Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	29 French Toast Sticks & Sausage Chicken Alfredo Steamed Carrots Fresh/Canned Fruit Garlic Breadstick Milk	30 Scrambled Eggs w/Bacon & Toast Soft Shell Taco Buttered Corn Fresh/ Canned Fruit Chocolate Chip Cookie Milk	31 Pancake on a Stick Hot Dog on a Bun Macaroni & Cheese Baked Beans Fresh/Canned Fruit Milk	1

Breakfast is served with choice of fruit and milk daily.

Two entrees will be offered each day. Students may choose one. The second option for PK - 4th grade is a yogurt lunch (consists of 4 oz. yogurt, uncrustable, vegetable, fruit, and milk) and the second option for 5th - 12th is a chef salad.

Each meal must have a combined 1/2 cup total of vegetables and/or fruit on the tray in order to qualify for a reimbursable lunch

*This institution is an equal opportunity provider.*

## MARCH 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> 7:00 PM HSBB Regionals	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7:00 PM HSGB Sectional	<b>4</b> 7:00 PM HSBB Regional	<b>5</b> 8:00 AM RRAP Event - MS Gym 7:00 PM HSBB Regional 7:00 PM HSGB Sectional
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
9th Grade Washington DC Trip						
	Track Practice	8:00 AM ACT Test Juniors HS Honors Band	5:30 PM Board Meeting	7:00 PM MS POPS Concert HSGB State 7:00 PM HSBB Sectional	No School HSGB State	HSGB State 7:00 PM HSBB Sectional
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Softball Begins 11:00 AM NHS Blood Drive	<b>15</b> 7:00 PM HS POPS Concert	<b>16</b> 8:00 AM Cap & Gown Pictures	<b>17</b> HSBB State	<b>18</b> HSBB State	<b>19</b> HSBB State District Forensics 11:00 AM SB @ PDC
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 1:30 PM Opera for Young	<b>22</b> Baseball Begins National Ag Day 5:00 PM Track @ UW-Platteville	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 12:30 PM Early Release Teacher In-Service End of 3rd Quarter	<b>25</b> No School 5:00 PM SB @ DeSoto	<b>26</b> HS Solo/Ensemble
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> State FBLA	<b>29</b> State FBLA 4:15 PM Track Home	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 5:00 PM BB vs Seneca 5:00 PM SB vs Seneca		

## 2022-2023 Full-Time Open Enrollment Regular Application Period for Wisconsin Public Schools

### INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

**You may apply for open enrollment from February 7-April 29, 2022.**

#### What is Public School Open Enrollment?

Wisconsin's public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend a school district other than the one in which they live. Applications may be submitted to up to three nonresident school districts if the pupil wishes to attend a brick and mortar school. There are no limitations to the number of open enrollment applications that can be submitted to a virtual charter school.

#### Who may participate in open enrollment?

Pupils in kindergarten to grade 12 may apply to participate in open enrollment.

Open enrollment for prekindergarten, four-year-old kindergarten and early childhood education is limited. Parents should call their resident school districts to find out if their preschool-aged children qualify for open enrollment.

#### How and when may parents apply?

The open enrollment regular application period for the 2022-23 school year is from February 7-April 29, 2022. The application period closes at 4:00 p.m. on April 29, 2022. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.

Parents may apply online at <https://dpi.wi.gov/oe>.

#### Can I apply to a virtual charter school under open enrollment?

A pupil may only open enroll to an online/virtual school if: (1) the school has been created as a virtual charter school that meets the requirements of the charter school law [Wis. Stats. 118.40 (8)] or (2) the pupil is required to physically attend school on a regular basis in a school located in the nonresident school district on the days that school is in session. Other important things to know about applying to virtual charter schools:

- A virtual charter school is not homeschooling. Pupils attending virtual charter schools are public school pupils.
- You must know the nonresident school district in which the virtual charter school is located.
- You must know your resident school district to apply.
- A list of virtual charter schools may be found at <https://dpi.wi.gov/parental-education-options/charter-schools/virtual-charter-schools>.

#### Can an application be rejected?

Nonresident school districts may deny an application if regular or special education space is not available for the pupil; special education or related services are not available; or if the pupil has been referred for a special education evaluation but has not yet been evaluated. Nonresident school districts may also deny an application if the pupil has been expelled during the current or preceding two years for certain violent conduct or if the pupil was habitually truant from the nonresident school district during any semester in the current or previous school year.

If there are more applications than spaces, pupils must be selected randomly, after giving preference to pupils already attending school in the nonresident school district and siblings of currently-attending pupils.

Some school districts establish waiting lists to fill unused spaces, but others do not.

#### Can a resident district prevent a pupil from leaving?

A resident district can deny a pupil's application for an invalid application (early or late application or missing information), ineligibility due to age (too young or too old), or if the resident district does not offer the same type of prekindergarten, four-year-old kindergarten, or early childhood program as the nonresident district or the pupil is not eligible for the program in the resident district. These are also reasons that a nonresident district can deny an application.

#### Can parents appeal if an application is denied?

Parents whose applications are denied may appeal to the DPI within 30 days of the denial. State law requires the DPI to uphold the school district's decision unless DPI finds that the decision was arbitrary or unreasonable. The DPI's decision may be appealed to circuit court.

#### Must pupils reapply every year?

Once a pupil is accepted into a nonresident school district, the pupil may continue to attend that district without reapplication except that:

- The nonresident district may require a pupil to reapply one time— at the beginning of middle school, junior high or high school.
- A pupil may be returned to the resident school district if the special education required in a new or revised IEP is not available in the nonresident district or there is no space.
- A pupil who has become habitually truant in the nonresident district may be returned to the resident district.

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### Is there a cost for parents to participate in the open enrollment program?

There is no tuition cost to parents for participation in open enrollment. Parents of open enrolled pupils may be charged the same fees as resident pupils.

### Who is responsible for transportation?

Parents are responsible for transporting their children to and from school.

If transportation is required in the IEP for a child with a disability, it must be provided by the nonresident district.

School districts may provide transportation to open enrollment pupils if they wish. Usually, if transportation is provided, parents must transport the pupil to a location in the nonresident district.

Low-income parents may apply to the DPI at the end of the school year for partial reimbursement of their transportation costs.



### Can a parent select a specific school in the pupil's nonresident school district?

Yes. A parent may request a specific school or program in the nonresident district. However, assignment to the requested school or program is not guaranteed and your pupil may be assigned to a different school other than the one requested. It is up to each nonresident district to determine a pupil's school assignment.

### Can an open enrolled pupil participate in sports and other extra-curricular activities in the nonresident school district?

Open enrolled pupils have the same rights and responsibilities as resident pupils.

Inter-scholastic athletics are governed by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA), which has rules concerning transfer pupils. Parents should check with the school district's athletic director about eligibility.

## IMPORTANT OPEN ENROLLMENT DATES

### February 7 – April 29, 2022

Parents must submit applications online or directly to the nonresident school district.

### June 10, 2022

Nonresident school districts must send notices of approval or denial via US mail or email. If the application is approved, the school district must notify the parents of the specific school or program to which the pupil is assigned. If the application is denied, parents have 30 days to file an appeal.

### June 17, 2022

Resident districts must notify applicants if the application is denied. If the application is denied, parents have 30 days to file an appeal.

### June 24, 2022

Parents of accepted applicants must notify the nonresident district if the pupil will attend the nonresident district in the 2022-23 school year. If the parent fails to make this notification, the nonresident district may refuse to allow the pupil to attend the district.



For more information contact:

Public School Open Enrollment Program  
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction  
P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841  
Toll-free: 888-245-2732, option 2  
openenrollment@dpi.wi.gov  
<https://dpi.wi.gov/oe>

2022-23

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APPROVED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE RIVER RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN:  
JANUARY 12, 2022 AT 5:30 PM.

I. Call to order – Board President, Kenny Nies called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM

II. Roll Call – Present; Kenny Nies, Cory Moravits Jason Cathman, Adam Guthrie, Kirk Hamann, Aaron Stagman, Josh Copey.

III. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

IV. Statement of Notice – Board President, Kenny Nies approved the posting and called the meeting official.

V. Appearances – Jodi Cooper talked about changing the COVID matrix.

VI. Approval of Minutes

A) December 8, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes – Jason Cathman made a motion to approve the minutes. Kirk Hamann seconded the motion and it passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

VII. Reports

A) Finance – Tracy Stagman  
i. Financial statements, receipts, and expenditures – Tracy Stagman presented the financial statements, receipts, and expenditures for December 2021. Cory Moravits made a motion to approve the financial statement pending an audit of 2021/22 for revenues of \$1,448,498.84 and expenditures of \$834,376.03. Aaron Stagman seconded the motion and it passed on a 7-0 roll call vote.

VIII. New Business

A) COVID – 19  
i. Positive Cases  
a) Have to remain out of school for a minimum of 5 days as established by symptom onset.  
b) Can return after day 5 if asymptomatic

or if symptoms are improving.

c) Have to mask and monitor for an additional 5 days if returning after day 5.

ii. Close Contact Rules

a) If the county requests a close contact list from a positive, we will provide it. This falls in line with state statutes of not interfering with their investigation.

b) If no request is made, then no close contacts will be provided.

c) Household contacts are determined by the county.

iii. If deemed a close contact

a) Vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals will mask and monitor symptoms for 10 days

iv. Symptoms

a) If you are experiencing symptoms, please stay home and monitor symptoms.

b) If symptoms are severe, then testing is encouraged. If a choice is made not to test, then out of school for 5 days.

c) If symptoms are mild, stay home and monitor symptoms for 24 hours. If improved or gone, return to school.

v. Face Coverings

a) Optional, with administration having the authority to mandate based on school cases and high activity levels in certain areas.

vi. Adam Guthrie made a motion to approve the recommendation. Jason Cathman seconded the motion and it passed on a 7-0 roll call vote.

B) Emergency, Sick, and Personal days – Jason Cathman made a motion to allow the use of emergency, sick, and personal days for any reason, for the remainder of the school year. Aaron Stagman seconded the motion and it passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

C) Fund 46 – 10 year capital improvement plan Cory Moravits made a motion to approve the plan. Josh Copsey seconded the motion and it passed on a 7-0 roll call vote.

D) Hiring/Resignation – Christina Udelhoven – Jason Cathman made a motion to allow the switch from Special Ed aide to Kitchen staff member. Adam Guthrie seconded the motion and it passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

E) Notice of Educational Options at River Ridge School – Cory Moravits made a motion to approve the notice. Aaron Stagman seconded the motion and it passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

F) Board Declaration regarding to open enrollment space “RRSD will not deny 2022/2023 open enrollment applications due to space” - Aaron Stagman made a motion to approve the declaration. Cory Moravits seconded the motion and it passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

IX. Appearances – Allan McCormick discussed the use of N95 and surgical masks.

X. Information

A) Upcoming Meeting Schedule

i. Regular School Board Meeting  
February 9, 2022 at 5:30 PM

XI. Adjourn – Cory Moravits made a motion to adjourn. Jason Cathman seconded the motion and it passed on a 7-0 voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 PM



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