



Brecksville-Broadview Heights City School District

Superintendent Update Email October 2023

Dear Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools Community,

Earlier this month, our distinguished Alumni Association enshrined five members from our school family into our Gallery of Achievement, and on behalf of the entire district, please join the BBHCSD in congratulating this year's inductees, Chuck Valley (faculty), Jim Roytz (faculty), Greg Skaljic '91, Richard Packard '64, and John "Jerry" Gunner '57. Their exceptional contributions to our school and our community have led to each individual's respective induction, and we commend them all. During the ceremony, our very own members of Student Government and National Honor Society helped to serve as hosts for this annual celebration. Congratulations to all, once again.

Introduction to PowerSchool Student Information System

On October 19th, the BBHCSD staff members will begin training with an upgraded education technology platform called PowerSchool, a cutting-edge Student Information System and online Grade Book. PowerSchool will streamline student and parent access to one online portal to view grades, assignments, test scores, schedules, and attendance. Information pertaining to multiple children in the same family, even in different buildings throughout our campus, will be shared in one place, and will be easily accessible, particularly through a convenient mobile app. While the district's transition to PowerSchool will not take place until next school year, the BBHCSD will continue sharing information on its benefits, and what to expect, in the coming months.

Thank You, Principals!

October is National Principals Month, and on behalf of everyone in the Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools, we extend a formal message of gratitude to Principal Kevin Jakub, and Assistant Principal Kelli Izzo and Josh Backo at the High School, Principal Todd Rings and Assistant Principal Spencer Warders at the Middle School, Principal Colleen Toth and Assistant Principals Bryan Bedford, Chris Hartland, Tina McCauley, and Principal Lisa Mollica for their service to our school district. You help to create a constructive building environment along with promoting life learners, and we thank you for your efforts.

Enrollment Update from the BBHCSD

Closely monitoring enrollment trends has been a priority for the leadership of the Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools, and the district will share updates from time to time. While the data changes and is updated on a daily basis, at the moment, the BBHCSD is seeing enrollment slightly declining over the last decade, from a high of ~4,200 students during the 2012-2013 school year to today's approximate enrollment of ~3,707 students districtwide. Our elementary school enrollment increased last school year with the opening of the new building, but slightly declined this year, helping to begin the process of normalizing class sizes. The BBHCSD will continue to share regular updates with the community about the important topic of enrollment.

Strengthening Community and Stakeholder Relationships

Since becoming Superintendent in August, the work to begin and flourish relationships with students, staff, parents, community members, and stakeholders has also been a top priority, and I thank those with whom I have met and begun these vital partnerships. Such relationships will serve as the basis to *protect the banner* of this district, the forthcoming strategic work of maintaining the highest standards of the Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools, and exceeding our community's expectations for educational excellence.

I hope you're enjoying this autumn season.

Go Bees!

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Superintendent

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