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

From: Brian Easter, Blue Ridge High School Principal

Date: November 12, 2026

Re: BRHS Board Report

Upcoming Events:

NOV

14 - FFA at ISU (9 a.m.), FFA Trivia Night (6 p.m. at Woodlawn CC)
16 - Girls basketball at Donovan
19 - Girls basketball at LeRoy
21 - Mike Hendricks Scholastic Bowl Tournament (8 a.m. at BRHS)
24 - Boys and Girls basketball at Calvary Christian
27-28 Boys Basketball at Calvary Tournament
30 - Home Girls Basketball (5:30)

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1 - Home Boys Basketball (5:30 - Varsity only)
2 - Home Girls Basketball (5:30 - Varsity only)
3 - Home Scholastic Bowl (4:30)
4 - Home Girls Basketball (5:30), Boys Basketball at Ridgeview
5 - JV Boys at Cerro-Gordo Tournament
7 - Girls basketball at Unity Christian
9 - Home Boys basketball (5:30)
11 - Boys Basketball at Fisher
14 - Boys Basketball at Sullivan, Home Girls Basketball (5:30)
15 - Winter Band Concert (7 p.m. - Moore Gym)

FYI:
By the numbers -

We have 159 students enrolled at Blue Ridge High School.

Average Daily Attendance Rate for the month of October was 92.7% (down 0.1% from Sept).

Discipline data as of November 11th (and since October 16th):

- Detentions - 82 (28)
  - Lunch detentions accounted for 25 instances.
  - Before/After school detentions accounted for 3 instances.
  - In SY25, these numbers were 55 (29). In SY26, they were 43 (23)
- Saturday Schools - 0
  - Same as the past couple of years
- In-School Suspensions - 13 (1)
  - 1 student received ISS during this reporting period.
  - Suspensions totaled 1 full day during this reporting period.
  - In SY25, these numbers were 4 (0). In SY26, they were 7 (2).
- Out of School Suspensions - 1 (0)
  - No student received OSS during this reporting period.
  - Suspensions totaled 0 full days during this reporting period.
  - In SY25, these numbers were 2 (0). Last year they were 1 (0).
- Electronics referrals - 17 (3)
  - 16 students have received a referral for electronics.
  - 4 students have reached the contract level (level 2).
  - There have been no repeated contract violations to date.
  - In SY25, these numbers were 31 (16). Last year they were 37 (19).

<u>Analysis:</u> We are assigning many more lunch detentions for minor behavioral issues we are seeing (mostly) from the 9th graders. This has caused our detention numbers to climb. Electronic referrals are way down this year!

Our Alternative Education students (through the Edgenuity program) have collectively completed 12 classes for a total of 7 earned credits as of October 16th. Eleven students are enrolled in at least one hour of alternative education.

More Numbers (specific to SIP Goals and IRC results)

<u>*Link to results on Illinois Report Card for all Lincoln Prairie Conference Schools</u>

LPC Report Card analysis

<u>*ACT Scores/Comparison by schools and by SES</u>

This table shows overall ACT scores, as well as the breakdown into the categories rated on the Illinois School Report Card. Each school also has a Low SES% number (from the report card) indicating the percentage of students on free/reduced lunch.

School Name	Composite Score	Math	Science	English	Low SES %
Sangamon Valley	16.8	16.9	17.6	16.2	64.90%
Kansas	16	17	16	15.1	62.50%
Arcola	16.6	16.5	17.4	15.6	57.10%
Argenta- Oreana	18.5	18.1	18.7	18	55.20%
Shiloh	16.3	15.7	16	16.3	48.60%
Heritage	17.4	18.4	18.3	17	48.30%
Clinton	*	16.7	17.6	15.6	47.50%
ALAH	19.5	19.4	19.4	18.8	45.90%
Sullivan	17.8	17.7	17.3	16.6	43.80%
Blue Ridge	**18.3**	**18.1**	**18.1**	**17.7**	**42.80%**
Nokomis	18.2	18.1	18.4	16.4	40.50%
Cerro Gordo	19.25	18.8	19.6	18.6	40.30%
Bement	18	17.3	18.5	18.1	40.20%
Ridgeview	*	18.8	17.9	16.9	36.80%
Cumberland	17.4	17.7	18.2	16.3	35.40%
Fisher	19.4	18.9	19.8	18.8	27.90%
Monticello	*	20	21.2	20.3	22.70%
Mahomet-Seymour	*	23.1	22.4	20.8	21.50%
Leroy	*	20	20.1	18.6	20.40%
Oakland	17.5	16.8	17.1	17.1	18.60%
Tri-Valley	*	22.8	22.4	21.3	8.70%
State Average	18.9	19.1	19.3	17.9	47.50%
LPC Average	17.7	17.7	17.9	16.9	47.32%
	* - Unable to access this score				

Congratulations and Kudos:

***Staff and Student of the Month (Exemplary Knights)** -
Our staff winner for Exemplary Knight for the month of September is ***Michelle Castor.*** Michelle has been a paraprofessional for the past few years here at BRHS. Here are some insights about Michelle.

- *Michelle is dedicated to helping all students in her classes. She works hard to understand their needs and meet them where they are. She encourages them to overcome obstacles and challenges them to do their best.*
- *Michelle is the type of person you want to have in your corner at all times. Among her redeeming qualities, she's humble, hard-working, consistent, and adaptable. She stays on top of things, and is already trying to get her ducks in a row more than a month in advance for finals to make sure everyone is on the same page. I can recall a specific time a few years ago when a student had a pretty dramatic breakdown with a lot of tears and not knowing what to do, and she responded perfectly in that scenario, which I still think about sometimes. I think it's a testament to her character that I've never heard anyone say even remotely negative about her in the few years I've been here, and it's because teachers and students alike are aware of the work she puts in and appreciate her for it.*
- *Ms. Castor is an asset in the classroom as well as the shop. She is always willing to not only help students but also learn what, how, and why we are doing the things we do. She has built countless dustpans, created stacks of prints and almost one whole isometric drawing and I appreciate all of her efforts and time spent. She's awesome.*

We have 2 students that we are recognizing this month - Renn Light (Sr) and Ellie Clark (So). These students were nominated for this recognition by staff members. Staff then voted for their top choices based on all nominees. Here are some things that teachers say about these awesome students:

Renn Light (Sr)

- Renn is a hardworking student that aims high and works to achieve it. Renn is involved in several organizations and is a reliable and active participant leading younger newer members. I have enjoyed getting to know Renn more and more each year.
- Renn is always respectful and cooperative. When working with other students she shares her thoughts and ideas and listens to other students and ideas without judgement.
- Renn is so kind, hardworking, and driven! Always a pleasure to have in class or chat with in the hallway, Renn excels both academically and in Scholastic Bowl.
- Renn is a hard worker and an enjoyable student to converse with.

Ellie Clark (So)

- Ellie is diligent and always tries her best to master concepts and participate fully.
- Ellie is always a positive person and kind to her peers. She took a leap and signed up to be a Knight Buddy this year, even though she did not do it last year. She is already off to a great start with it.
- Ellie is the sweetest person and is always willing to help however she can.
- Ellie is exceptionally motivated and conscientious, but her defining strength is how she lifts up those around her, always ensuring every student feels included. Whether making time for Knight Buddies, competing in multiple sports, or supporting her friends, she balances her commitments with grace and integrity. Ellie is a model student and an outstanding representative of our school community.
- Ellie is a very consistent and driven student. Always reaching that higher level thinking and connecting concepts to the modern world. A true joy to have in class!

Our Athletes of the Month for October are:

Football - Shawn Christie - Led team in sacks and tackles for a loss for his final game of the season and his career. Also blocked on the Offensive line for 405 yards of total offense.

Volleyball - Kayla Meeker - Kayla has been moved all around the court and continues to give it all whether it is JV or Varsity. She is constantly pushing herself to get reps and more work in the gym when she can. She is a kind teammate and is encouraging both on and off the court. She is a reliable player that we can count on and she continues to be coachable. Her knowledge of the game shows and she can be put anywhere when needed. Her growth as an athlete is incredible.

Soccer - Preston and Peyton Norris - Coach Flannell picked two because they work so well together and with the rest of the team. They are both eager to learn the game and supportive of each other and their teammates. They have stayed late at practices to get more time on the field and work with more experienced players. They are excited about their triumphs as well as those of their teammates.

Cheerleading - Addie Browning - Addie Browning was able to accomplish her first time flying in a stunt during her Senior Night. She took constructive criticism, and even though she was nervous and doubted herself was able to do something she hasn't done during her 4 years of cheerleading. While balancing cheer, band, and FFA in a busy month, she prepared, kept calm, and helped cheer on her fellow team members when things did not go as originally planned.