
MEMO

TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION
FROM: HILLARY STANIFER, SUPERINTENDENT
DATE: JUNE 2025
RE: SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The school year ended on a very positive note. The high school graduation ceremony was meaningful with the Salutatorian and Valedictorian speeches, a musical performance, and the senior slideshow. The weather cooperated so families could take lots of photos outside afterwards. 8th Grade Promotion was another special event, beginning with breakfast provided by parents and ending with their awards ceremony. 8th graders also enjoyed a cookout and party later that evening. The Schneider staff pulled off a fabulous surprise for Mr. Peyton on the next to last day of school. Our own CICEO student Devin Wrestler produced a video that included student interviews that described Mr. Peyton, his current job, what his job will be next year, and what they will miss the most about him. To say it was a tearjerker was no exaggeration. Thanks to all the staff members for your collaboration to celebrate him well.

This month we will have a budget hearing as we prepare to ask the board to approve the FY25 amended budget. Once the FY25 budget amendment is filed with ISBE, that marks the time for the FY26 budget work to commence. Mr. Peyton and I will collaborate on this project in June, at which point I will turn over the remainder of the project to him. The FY26 draft budget will be presented to the board in August, with final approval being sought in September.

In this final board report, I want to say that it's been my pleasure to serve the Blue Ridge School District for the past five years in the role of superintendent. I've strived to do all things through the lens of my core values- integrity, hope, determination. As I pass the baton to Mr. Peyton, my desire is to watch Blue Ridge continue to grow in its ability to Embrace, Engage, Equip, and Empower students, staff, parents, and the community.

Other Tasks:

- Continued Budget Meetings
- Piatt Co ROSC Meeting
- BRHS Spring Pops Concert

- BRIJHS Spring Concert
- BRHS Graduation
- Title I Meeting
- Jr High Museum
- Proportionate Share Meeting
- CICEO Orientation
- WHOW Radio Show
- Board Orientation Meeting
- Admin Council Meeting
- Bushue Management Meeting
- TCSEA Board Meeting
- State FFA Convention
- ACE Conference
- CICEO Facilitator Evaluation Meeting