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Welcome New Board Members

At the January 2, 2026 Board of Education Organizational Meeting, new Board members Joseph Audino and Jimmielee Vires — and re-elected board member, Belinda Grassi, were sworn in.

Joe and Jimmielee were elected, and Belinda was re-elected for her fifth term, to the Board of Education on November 4, 2025.

■ **Joseph Audino** is a Marketplace Director for Best Buy, with responsibilities impacting 22 stores across Northeast Ohio and West Virginia. These locations include more than 1,000 employees and generate over \$800 million in annual revenue. His role spans financial performance, operations, human resources, facility management, and community engagement. Joe has been with Best Buy since 2009, serving as a General Manager for over a decade before stepping into his current position in 2023.

He earned his bachelor's degree from Youngstown State University; Beeghly College of Liberal Arts, Social Sciences and Education, with an emphasis in education and a minor in music. His early career included six years as Assistant Director of Bands at Shenango High School and four years directing theater at Mercer High School, experiences that continue to influence his structured and creative leadership style.

A longtime Lake County resident, Joe is actively involved in his parish community.

He currently serves on Parish Council at St. Gabriel's Parish in

Concord and co-chairs the parish's annual St. Gabriel's Summer Festival, coordinating over 1,200 volunteers and dozens of community partners.

Joe and his wife Lauren, a teacher in the Willoughby-Eastlake School District since 2005, have three daughters who attend Riverside schools. As both a parent and board member, Joe is committed to transparency, collaboration, and practical leadership that reflects the values of the Riverside community.

■ **Jimmielee Vires** is a Tax Analyst for Lubrizol and prior to that, was a Tax Auditor for the Ohio Department of Taxation. He has been involved in the Riverside community for the past 10 years as his wife, Ali, is a Riverside teacher and former coach. They have two daughters and the oldest will begin Kindergarten at Parkside Elementary in August of 2026.

Jimmielee is passionate about giving back to kids in the community, and was a coach himself for six years. This calling, as well as his career in tax and finance, were what inspired him to pursue a position on the board.

■ **Belinda Grassi** has served on the Riverside Board of Education since 2009. She is currently the Chief Financial Officer at HELP Foundation. Belinda holds an active Certified Public Accountant license from The Accountancy Board of Ohio as well as a valid School Treasurer's license from the Ohio Department of Education. She is a member of The Ohio Society of CPAs, the American Institute of CPAs,

SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH

January is School Board Appreciation Month. We'd like to thank our Board Members for all their time and effort that each of them put in to making Riverside Local Schools the best District it can be. Your hard work, dedication, and commitment does not go unnoticed and truly is appreciated.



Joseph Audino, Belinda Grassi, Lori Krenisky, Denise Brewster, Jimmielee Vires

Ohio School Boards Association, Ohio Association of School Business Officials, and the Society for Human Resource Management.

Belinda lives in Concord Township with her husband Morris. Their two sons, Dante and Marco, both graduated from Riverside High School.

Please visit our Board of Education page on the Riverside Local School District's website for Board Meeting and Committee Meeting dates, videos, updates and information.

The other current Board members are Lori Krenisky who was elected in November of 2019 and re-elected in November of 2023, and Denise Brewster who was elected in November of 2023.



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New Facility Additions Now Open

We are pleased to announce the Career Technical Education (CTE) addition at Riverside High School and the eight-classroom addition at Riverview Elementary have officially been completed and have been open to staff and students since January of 2026.

The CTE addition at the high school was made possible thanks to a \$2.5 million grant from the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce. The addition allows for Riverside Campus to have significantly more space for career education and hands-on learning. The space is being used to expand and enhance the Construction, Advanced Manufacturing and Healthcare programs that were already offered at the high school. Unfortunately, due to a lack of space, previous offerings of those programs were limited and this additional space will allow for increased enrollment into these programs. Riverside is extremely proud to offer several meaningful career electives where

students are able to earn credentials in a specific industry, as well as gain valuable experience in a career field of their choice.

The addition at Riverview Elementary helps solve current enrollment issues as well as creating additional space for students who will eventually reside in the Riverview Elementary district due to several large-scale housing projects slated to begin construction soon. In addition to the eight classrooms, a new parking lot with an additional 48 parking spaces was also constructed. The Riverview construction project was funded out of the District's Permanent Improvement Fund.

The Board is still working on plans for an addition at Buckeye Elementary as well. Those details will be communicated once finalized.



Upcoming Events...

- Riverside Theatre's *Between the Lines* — Thursday, March 12 at 5 p.m., Friday March 13 at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday March 14 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be available at www.rivbeavs.booktix.com.
- **Senior Citizen Appreciation Dinner** — Thursday, March 12 at 4 p.m. Free meal

for Seniors prepared and served by students in the Foods and Nutrition classes followed by a free performance of *Between the Lines* at 5 p.m. **PLEASE NOTE:** Senior citizens attending the dinner on March 12 must RSVP via email to rhstheatre@riversideschools.net by Friday March 6.

Preschool Registration

Preschool registration for the 2026-2027 school year will be done online on the Preschool page of our website. **A link to register will go live on Monday, February 9, 2026 at 9 a.m.** Spaces will be very limited and existing preschool families will have first priority.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to House Bill 114, the District is adjusting the age eligibility for preschool. To be eligible for preschool, children must be 3 years of age on, or before, August 24, 2026. This is to align with House Bill 114's new requirement that children entering kindergarten must be 5 years of age on, or before, the first day of instruction — which is August 24, 2026. (Additional information regarding kindergarten registration to be released later.)

The Riverside Preschool Program serves both typically developing children as well as children with disabilities ages 3-5. If your child is currently on an IEP, please contact our District Registrar at 440-358-8204 prior to completing the registration process. The cost of tuition is \$125 per month/per student. First month of tuition, as a deposit, is required upon registration (cash or check only). Deposits are nonrefundable. Preschool will be housed at Riverview Elementary and will be held four days per week (Monday-Thursday). There will be AM classes (8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.) and PM classes (12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.)

- **Riverside Parent Teacher Association Community Easter Egg Hunt** — Saturday, April 4 at noon. For children ages Pre-K through 5th grade, in front of Riverside High School rain, snow or sunshine! Free of charge, but children must bring their own bag or a basket to collect eggs.

Stay Connected!

It's easy! ... Click on these links!

- Check out the latest . . . **Community Flyers & Events**
- Download the District's new Communication App . . . **BrightArrow**
- Visiting one of our school buildings? . . . **Pre-register online**

LOOKING FOR WORK? . . . Classified Substitute Hourly Rates Have Increased!

**Evening Custodians and Substitutes • Latchkey Assistants • Lunchroom Assistants
Special Needs Classroom Assistants • Bus Drivers and Bus Aides • Transportation Dept. Substitutes**

Any interested applicants should contact Mallory Aliff, Human Resources Director for the Riverside Local School District, by email at mallory.aliff@riversideschools.net or apply via the Employment page at www.riversidelocalschools.com.

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