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Bus Wrap Design Winner!

Congratulations to Riverside High School sophomore **Ava Passalacqua** for winning the county-wide Laketrans Bus Wrap Art Design Contest. This is the first time a Riverside student has ever come out on top of the competition. This year's theme was America 250 and Ava's 'We the People' design beat out nearly 100 other students throughout Lake County. On April 7, Laketrans visited Riverside High School to unveil the Dial-A-Ride bus wrapped in Ava's beautiful artwork. You'll see this bus driving throughout Lake County for the next year.



Congratulations!

Please join us in congratulating long-time Riverside High School Band Director **David Schwartz** on his retirement, effective May 29. We are also excited to announce that **Brad Allen** has been named the RHS Band Director starting with the 2026-2027 school year.

Mr. Schwartz has been with the Riverside Local School District for 31 years. He started as the Middle School Band Director in 1995 before being named the Riverside High School Band Director in 1997. Throughout his time at Riverside he has inspired thousands of students while building a tradition of musical excellence while leading the band program with passion, professionalism and loyal dedication. From

unforgettable performances underneath the Friday Night Lights to high school concerts to community parades all the way to Disney World, Schwartz's impact has been seen and felt by the entire Riverside school community and beyond. Congratulations on a remarkable career!

Mr. Allen will step into the role as RHS Band Director moving forward. He has been with Riverside High School since 2015 as the Assistant Band Director. Allen is also very involved in Riverside Theatre, serving as the Director for fall plays.

Prior to coming to Riverside, he was



Brad Allen and David Schwartz



a Band Director for South Euclid-Lyndhurst City Schools as well as a music teacher at Mayfield, Shaker Heights, Belle Plaine (Iowa), Madison and North Ridgeville schools. He is also a proud Riverside High School Class of 2000 Graduate. Please join us in congratulating Mr. Allen on his new role.



Our MISSION . . . Through a culture of excellence, immerse students in educational opportunities and empower them to excel in an interconnected world.

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Bravo to Riverside's Newest Hall of Famer

We are very excited to announce that earlier this month our very own **Laura Poje** was inducted into the Ohio Educational Theatre Association (Ohio EdTA) Hall of Fame at the 2026 Ohio Thespian Festival.

Aside from being a Riverside High School English teacher, Laura has been the Riverside Theatre advisor for close to 30 years. In addition, she serves as the Chapter Director for the Ohio EdTA.

This honor celebrates Laura Poje's distinguished service to Ohio EdTA and recognizes her enduring impact on educational theatre in our state.

Joining Mrs. Poje in the Hall of Fame this year is Don Wachowiak, producer and director for Sylvania Northview High School Theatre. Congrats to both!



DISTRICT CALENDARS
— **2026-2027** and **2027-2028** —
The Board of Education has approved both the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school calendars.
CLICK HERE to view the calendars on our website.

All Are Invited Military Signing Event

We would like to invite everyone to attend our annual Military Signing on Thursday, May 21 at 1 p.m. We will recognize and honor any seniors who are enlisting in the military following graduation. The event will take place at the Wall of Honor inside Riverside Stadium.



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- 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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