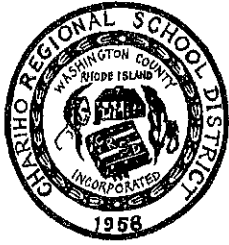


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October 4, 2021

Senator Dennis Algieri
6 Elm St
Westerly, RI 02891

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Senator Elaine Morgan
PO Box 841
Ashaway, RI 02804

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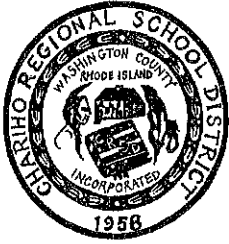
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Representative Blake Filippi
PO Box 298
New Shoreham, RI 02807

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Representative Brian Kennedy
PO Box 1001
Ashaway, RI 02804

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Representative Justin Price
214 Shannock Village Rd
Richmond, RI 02875

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Deborah Carney, President
Charlestown Town Council
4540 South County Trl
Charlestown, RI 02813

Dear President Carney:

The Chariho Regional School District Committee respectfully requests the presence of the Charlestown Town Council at its meeting on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the High School Library. We have invited local senators and representatives to discuss issues the District is having with 1) transportation categorical aid and 2) Statewide bus service.

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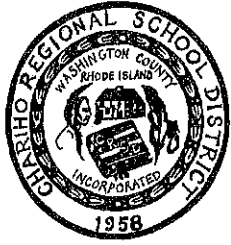
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Nell Carpenter, President
Richmond Town Council
5 Richmond Townhouse Rd
Wyoming, RI 02898

Dear President Carpenter:

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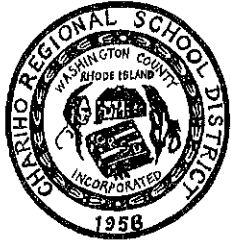
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Stephen Moffitt, Jr., President
Hopkinton Town Council
One Town House Rd
Hopkinton, RI 02833

Dear President Moffitt:

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KRISTEN MERRITT
Human Resources Administrator

TO: Gina Picard
FROM: Kristen Merritt
DATE: October 1, 2021
SUBJECT: Staff Update

**Coaching positions are
pending season approved by
RIIL/State of RI**

Name	Position	Reason
Melinda Clarke	Soccer/Football Cheerleading Coach – High School	Appointment effective 10/1/2021 through 6/30/2022
Scott Perrin	Girls Basketball, Assistant Coach – Middle School	Re-appointment effective 10/1/2021 through 6/30/2022
Sarah DeVito Thompson	Yearbook Advisor – Middle School	Appointment effective 10/1/2021 through 6/30/2022
Geoffrey Bowen	Afterschool Math Tutor – Middle School	Appointment effective 10/1/2021 through 6/30/2022
Sarah DeVito Thompson	K-12 Information Literacy–Library Media Curriculum Revision Task Force – Middle School	Appointment effective 10/1/2021 through 6/30/2022
Cynthia Skelton	K-12 Information Literacy–Library Media Curriculum Revision Task Force – High School	Appointment effective 10/1/2021 through 6/30/2022
Alison Ward	K-12 Information Literacy–Library Media Curriculum Revision Task Force – Elementary	Appointment effective 10/1/2021 through 6/30/2022
Alison Ward	K-8 Technology Education Curriculum Revision Task Force – Elementary	Appointment effective 10/1/2021 through 6/30/2022
Kristen Anderson	K-8 Technology Education Curriculum Revision Task Force – Elementary	Appointment effective 10/1/2021 through 6/30/2022

Sherri Jackson	K-8 Technology Education Curriculum Revision Task Force – Elementary	Appointment effective 10/1/2021 through 6/30/2022
Kate Ficarra	K-8 Technology Education Curriculum Revision Task Force – Elementary	Appointment effective 10/1/2021 through 6/30/2022
Kate Ficarra	Addressing At-Risk Learners through PLC's - Ashaway	Appointment effective 10/1/2021 through 6/30/2022
Jennifer Krekorian	Addressing At-Risk Learners through PLC's – Middle School	Appointment effective 10/1/2021 through 6/30/2022
Paige Leddy	Addressing At-Risk Learners through PLC's - Richmond	Appointment effective 10/1/2021 through 6/30/2022
Mary Ann Mello	Addressing At-Risk Learners through PLC's – Hope Valley	Appointment effective 10/1/2021 through 6/30/2022
Jacquelyn Shardlow	Addressing At-Risk Learners through PLC's – Middle School	Appointment effective 10/1/2021 through 6/30/2022
Erica Sousa	Addressing At-Risk Learners through PLC's – Middle School	Appointment effective 10/1/2021 through 6/30/2022
Kristina Sparfven	Addressing At-Risk Learners through PLC's – Middle School	Appointment effective 10/1/2021 through 6/30/2022
Joel Watson	Addressing At-Risk Learners through PLC's – CALA	Appointment effective 10/1/2021 through 6/30/2022
Nicole Westcott	Addressing At-Risk Learners through PLC's – Richmond	Appointment effective 10/1/2021 through 6/30/2022

Kristen Merritt

From: Michael Shiels
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2021 2:50 PM
To: Kristen Merritt; Andrea Spas
Subject: coaching candidate

Hi Kristen,
I would like to recommend Melinda Clarke for the position of Fall High School Cheerleading Coach. Thank you

Melinda Clarke

Ashaway RI

Kristen Merritt, Human Resource Administrator
455A Switch Road
Wood River Junction, Rhode Island 02894

Dear Ms. Merritt,

I am applying for the part time position of football cheerleading coach for the high school. I have coached gymnastics for over 20 years, and have volunteered with the Chariho High school team. I was a cheerleader at Chariho throughout high school. I am currently a high school gymnastics judge. I am a USAG professional member, and am a Junior Olympic Certified Coach. I am a retired police officer for the Town of Hopkinton and am currently a public safety officer for Westerly Hospital.

I have completed my yearly certification in the RI State Component, Sudden Cardiac Arrest, Concussion in Sports, and Covid courses.

My First Aid/CPR/AED certification is up to date and you have copies on file.

Sincerely,

Melinda Clarke

Kristen Merritt

To: Gregory Zenion
Subject: RE: Extra-Curricular Certified Postings

From: Gregory Zenion
Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 10:36 AM
To: Geoffrey Bowen; Kristen Merritt
Cc: Mary Beth Florenz
Subject: Re: Extra-Curricular Certified Postings

I support this appointment.
Thanks,
Greg

From: Geoffrey Bowen <geoffrey.bowen@chariho.k12.ri.us>
Date: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 10:12 AM
To: Kristen Merritt <Kristen.Merritt@Chariho.k12.ri.us>, Gregory Zenion <Gregory.Zenion@Chariho.K12.ri.us>
Subject: Re: Extra-Curricular Certified Postings

Gregory and Kristen,

I am emailing you to let you know that I am interested in being appointed to the position for: Extra-Curricular #2 (MS Afterschool Math Tutors).

Please let me know if you need any additional information from me at this time.

Geoff Bowen
Math Specialist
CMS

Kristen Merritt

From: Gregory Zenion
Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 8:15 AM
To: Sarah DeVito Thompson; Kristen Merritt
Subject: Re: Yearbook Position

I support this appointment.

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From: Sarah DeVito Thompson <Sarah.DeVito@chariho.k12.ri.us>
Date: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 8:13 AM
To: Gregory Zenion <Gregory.Zenion@Chariho.K12.ri.us>, Kristen Merritt <Kristen.Merritt@Chariho.k12.ri.us>
Subject: Yearbook Position

Hi Greg & Kristen—

I am requesting to apply for the position as middle school yearbook advisor for the 2021-2022 school year.

Thank you,

Sarah DeVito Thompson
Library Media Specialist
Chariho Middle School
sarah.devito@chariho.k12.ri.us

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GINA PICARD, SUPERINTENDENT

FROM: MICHAEL COMELLA, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT *M.C.*

SUBJECT: POSTING AWARDS

DATE: SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

CC: KRISTEN MERRITT

The following posting is recommended for approval:

Last Name	First Name	Position	Stipend	Expires
DeVito Thompson	Sarah	K-12 Information Literacy-Library Media Curriculum Revision Task Force	\$40	June 2022
Skelton	Cynthia	K-12 Information Literacy-Library Media Curriculum Revision Task Force	\$40	June 2022
Ward	Alison	K-12 Information Literacy-Library Media Curriculum Revision Task Force	\$40	June 2022
Anderson	Kristen	K-8 Technology Education Curriculum Revision Task Force	\$40	June 2022
Ficarra	Kate	K-8 Technology Education Curriculum Revision Task Force	\$40	June 2022
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Mello	Mary Ann	Addressing At-Risk Learners through PLC's	\$40	June 2022
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Sousa	Erica	Addressing At-Risk Learners through PLC's	\$40	June 2022
Sparfven	Kristina	Addressing At-Risk Learners through PLC's	\$40	June 2022
Watson	Joel	Addressing At-Risk Learners through PLC's	\$40	June 2022
Westcott	Nicole	Addressing At-Risk Learners through PLC's	\$40	June 2022

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Dan Riordan



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Dan Riordan ('99) and Dana Saint ('99) met on a 4th grade field trip to the Boston Museum of Science. Lucky for duo, Dan had gone on the trip with his mother, Sharon Riordan, who was a 4th grade Ashaway Elementary School teacher for 33 years. Dana and Dan clicked immediately, eventually honing a shared love of writing skits, recording videos, making people laugh, and more broadly, storytelling. Most days you can now find the pair in Westerly, at the video production company that they co-founded, [Gnarly Bay](#). The company has since grown to eleven employees, which they fondly refer to as a "nimble bunch". As a team, they work on many projects, including commercials, branded content, and originals or passion projects. For work and through their own adventures, they have traveled to nearly every state in the US and many countries, such as Mexico, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Thailand, England, France, Germany, Mozambique, Sri Lanka, and the Galapagos Islands.

They are thankful for taking Spanish classes while at Chariho, which inspired some of their early travels to Central and South America. Being able to speak conversational Spanish allowed them to "be curious in the world with a camera". Curiosity, travel, and adventure is something that they think the world needs more of. It is certainly a sense of adventure that permeates all that Gnarly Bay does. It is with this sense of adventure that led to Gnarly Bay partnering with LL Bean on several recent commercial spots, including this [commercial](#) which includes familiar local spots like Burlingame Campground, Blue Shutters Beach, Browning Mill Pond, and the city of Providence. More recently, this summer they filmed an LL Bean commercial on Chariho's main campus. Be on the lookout for this spot to launch soon, but in the meantime, enjoy these behind the scene [outtakes](#), which included the challenge of making it rain on an otherwise beautiful day. The two are generous with their time and have connected with Chariho students, such as the members of the Chariho Film Club, to share their love of "pushing boundaries and telling bigger and better stories" (Dan Riordan).

We are always accepting story ideas for the newsletter. If you are interested in connecting or sharing in some way, please contact Katie Kirakosian at 401-552-7277 or katie.kirakosian@chariho.k12.ri.us.

The Bousquets: An entire family of Chariho Chargers

A special guest editorial
by Steve Bousquet ('71)

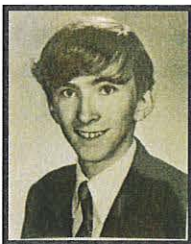
When the sparkling new Chariho Regional Junior-Senior High School opened its doors in September of 1960, John F. Kennedy was campaigning for president, *Gunsmoke* was the most popular show on TV and Route 95 was still years away from completion.

A total of 727 students arrived at Chariho that fall, and two of those young pioneers were named Bousquet: Alice, a ninth grader, and Donald in grade 7. My sister and brother taught their teachers and classmates how to say the name (bos-KAY) and to spell it, with two U's. But the wrong version, Bosquet, stubbornly persists to this day.

Alice and Don would be the first wave of Bousquets at Chariho for the next 25 years--a generation in green and white.

Four years later, in 1964, Alice graduated as the valedictorian of the first class to attend Chariho for all four years of high school (she would return a few years later as an English teacher, with a degree from URI). Don graduated in 1966 as part of the first class that went to CHS for all six years, and his senior yearbook literally contained sketches of his future, with his dead-on caricatures of principal Francis Pellegrino's prominent nose and teacher Syd Cohen in his trademark bow tie.

I, too, arrived at Chariho in 1966 -- a memorable year in school history as Rhode Island schoolboy baseball champions. I settled into Harold Palmer's Homeroom No. 1 with my A- and B-named classmates such as Valerie Ainsworth, Hiawatha Brown, and Evan Burdick (one of four Burdicks in that homeroom).



Burdick, Gardiner, Kenyon, Tefft -- those were among the old family names that echoed through the halls of Chariho in those days, names as old and familiar as the stone walls that covered the South County landscape. "Mr. Burdick, what's the square root of 81?"

The earliest Chariho kids learned to spell "cafetorium" and "Gizzarelli," the name of our popular Latin and Spanish teacher. "Bousquet," on the other hand, was hard to spell and harder to say ("Is that French?" people asked endlessly. The answer: Yes, but we weren't).

We came from Pawtucket by way of Central Falls and moved in 1957 to a rambling old white farmhouse on Route 138 in Richmond. We always said we

lived in "West Kingston" back then because that's where the closest post office was.

Our family tree is full of Kellys and McNamaras, but Edgar L. Bousquet, Sr. was my father's stepfather, so it stuck. Pretty soon everybody in Chariho could say it and spell it.

There were seven of us in all, not the biggest family around, by any stretch, but at least one Bousquet was at Chariho every year for the school's first 25 years of existence. After me came Brian, followed by Leslie, then Karen, and finally Kristen, who graduated in 1985.

There would be no more Bousquets strolling the halls on Switch Road, but by then, our mother, Eleanor, had been a member of the Chariho School Committee for nearly a decade.

The longevity of Bousquets at Chariho was made possible by a quirk in birth order. Not once, but twice, my parents had children born six years apart: me in 1954 and Karen in 1964. So as one Bousquet was leaving Chariho after six years, another was arriving.

By the time my sister Leslie arrived, in 1971, I was graduating, and the days were pretty much over of having to correct the pronunciation of our name for teachers during attendance ("Okay, listen up. Baton? Here. Burdick? Here. Bousquet? Here.")

My bonds with Chariho have remained strong through the years.

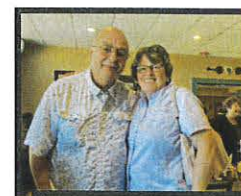
When the teachers went out on strike in 1972, I reported on it for WERI radio in Westerly.

When Henry "Skip" Kenyon retired as baseball coach in 1996, I profiled him for the *Chariho Times* and spoke at his retirement roast at the Groton Motor Inn in Connecticut. Skip was a mentor who nurtured my love of writing and was my first journalism teacher.

When my close high school friend Dave Liese was inducted into the Chariho Sports Boosters Athletic Hall of Fame a couple of years ago, I gave a speech for him.

The class of 1971 recently celebrated our 50th year reunion. *Fifty years*-- hard to imagine. We all gathered on a cool Saturday night at Beaver River Golf Club in Richmond to catch up and reminisce about our days at Chariho.

My three seventh-grade classmates from Homeroom No. 1 were all there, and dozens more, too, and we celebrated with Bismarcks from West's Bakery. As we exchanged contact information to stay in touch and tapped our smart phones, nobody needed any help spelling "Bousquet."



Two members of Chariho's Class of 1971, Ed Duhamel and Bonnie Greene Smith, at their 50th reunion.



Steve Bousquet and Sheila Cawley Guyot from the Class of 1971. Bousquet, of Wyoming, lives in Tallahassee, FL. Guyot, of Ashaway, lives in Willimantic, CT.



A scene of the crowd at the Class of 1971's 50-year reunion, held at Beaver River Country Club in Richmond on Sept. 18.



Dessert at the '71 reunion: Bismarcks, those delectable pastries from West's Bakery in Hope Valley.

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PATHWAY SPOTLIGHT: CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY



Mr. Bannister and students

Construction Technology has been taught by a Chariho alum and graduate of the Program, David Bannister ('83), since 1992. Mr. Bannister started in Chariho at the Richmond Elementary school in 1st grade, making his way to CHARIHOTech and taking his first Construction Technology class in 1980 as a sophomore. The rest, as they say, is history. He worked for two builders for the first four years out of high school and then started his own business. Mr. Bannister received a BS from RI College, has been a registered contractor for 37 years, and is a Certified Instructor for OSHA and HBI. David is also supported by a Teaching Assistant, Bonnie Pride. Mr. Bannister is clear that he would not be here if it was not for a strong mentor, Ken Bickford. "He's the reason I am here. He drafted me from the field in 1992 and I am honored he chose me to work with. While he was here, he demonstrated day in and day out professionalism, good character, and innovative teaching techniques. He was truly ahead of his time."



Students in the program learn many things related to construction and carpentry. They are also earn certifications in HBI - Core units 1-4, and Unit 6 Carpentry. In addition to soft skills, they learn things such as reading a tape measure, how to use and maintain hand and power tools, the fundamentals of square, level and straight, material identification calculation and cost, working with concrete, framing floors, walls, roofs, interior and exterior finishes, siding, windows, and doors. Students also learn teamwork, how to work, the physical and mental challenges of hands on tasks, and the satisfaction of constructing things that please them and others. The program collaborates with many other CHARIHOTech Pathways, including Electrical, Drafting, Agriculture, and even building maintenance staff. In any given year students attend Skills USA, support Rosemary's Wish Project Playhouse, and attend the RI Homeshow, and the JLC Builders Trade show.



Mr. Bannister reflects on his career at CHARIHOTech, spanning 28 years thus far. Through that time he is always humble, "I look back on what I can improve, look ahead for the new things I will learn, and enjoy the daily successes of the kids in the program and also the ones in the community building lives for themselves." Over this time, Mr. Bannister has had many students go into the field, including J-Ron

Gary Gardiner Jr.



Roofing - (former student), J. Senior Metal Fabricating (former student), Holzinger & Sons Contracting (former student), M. Perrin Carpentry (program grad), Brayman Builders (classmate & program grad.), Cooke Cabinetry (program grad.), Gary Gardiner Jr. and Gary Gardiner III (father and son, one is a former student and one is a current student).

I was able to catch up with Gary Gardiner Jr. ('99) who owns GLC Gardiner Construction in Hopkinton. He was excited to share his experiences in the program. Perhaps it is fitting that we spoke for a few moments while he was on a job site. Gardiner was quick to share that Construction Technology with Mr. Bannister was "one of the best experiences of mine all through school. I now own my own business and my son Gary, is a current construction student." Gary also works with another Chariho and Construction program graduate, Dan Crossen ('01). The relationships formed as Construction Technology students at CHARIHOTech certainly seem to have a strong foundation.

Do you have an inspiring Chariho story to share or know a Chariho alum with a great story to tell? If so, reach out to katie.kirakosian@chariho.k12.ri.us.

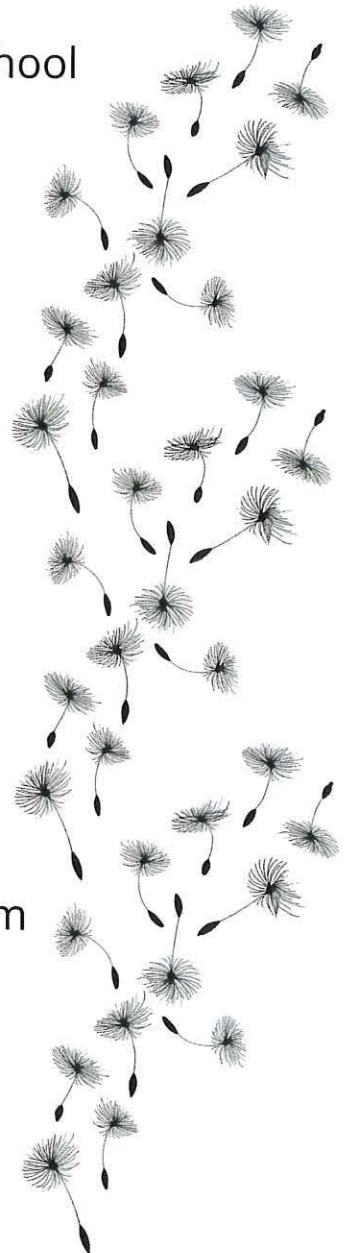
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OUR COMMITMENT TO ALL KIDS. ALL OF THE TIME.

Ways to support the District during the '21-'22 School Year

- Make a financial donation to the District or a specific school
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- Sponsor a youth sports team or club
- Sponsor an event or assembly
- Support our PTO events
- Support our community partners in their work
- Establish a student scholarship
- Give a gift from your retirement plan
- Make a charitable bequest to the District

Your time and expertise are invaluable as well.

- Attend School Committee meetings
- Attend District and school-based events
- Share your time and expertise as a guest speaker
- Become a mentor through the CHILL Mentoring Program
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- Serve as an Independent Study mentor



Find out more on our "[**Support Chariho**](#)" page on the District's website.

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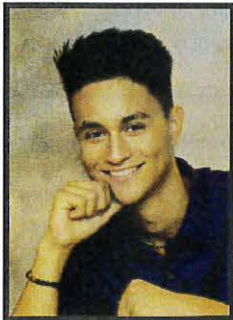
THE GENEROSITY OF THE CHARIHO COMMUNITY IS FELT THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

We would like to take a moment to thank

Community 2000

a strong community partner of the District for many years. If you would like to learn more about this organization and their mission and focus, visit their [website](#). If you would like to join their mailing list, you may [email](#) Chris Philips as well.

If you would like to make a donation to support the Chariho Regional School District, or a particular school, or initiative; please contact Katie Kirakosian, the District's Development Officer, at katie.kirakosian@chariho.k12.ri.us or 401-552-7277.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Recently Katie Kirakosian spoke with Colby (CJ) Boisclair ('20) to hear about his experiences as a student at the Chariho Alternative Learning Academy (CALA) and his career path since graduating. Click [here](#) to learn more about CJ's impressive journey only one year post graduation.



PLANNING AN ALUMNI REUNION OR EVENT? WE WOULD LOVE TO BE A PART OF IT

If your class is planning a reunion or other event in 2021 or 2022, please let us know. In the past, we have supported reunions with custom cakes through our Culinary Arts Pathway, planning support through our Hospitality and Event Planning Pathway, and even offered school tours. Reach out to our Development Officer with your event details and your ideas for collaborative consideration. We would love to work together! Be sure to share your reunion pictures with us too!

Upcoming reunions

Class of 1970, 50th reunion: October 2nd at the Westerly Yacht Club

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Chariho Regional School District

October 2021
E-Update



As part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the CHARIHO REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT has received grant funds administered through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund. However, we are currently awaiting

our ESSER III funds from RIDE and we are looking for your input. The goal of this funding is to provide states with funding to support the nation's schools in safely reopening and sustaining safe operations of our schools while meeting the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of students resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The ESSER III funds must be prioritized for in-person learning and learning loss mitigation. Please take a few minutes to provide your feedback and input into our planning process by completing this [feedback form](#). Thank you for your support and time.

Our current vaccination rate for students eligible to be vaccinated is as follows:

Chariho Regional High School/CHARIHotech 61.2%

Chariho Alternative Learning Academy 31.4%

Chariho Regional Middle School 48%



COVID-19 vaccines help protect against the Delta variant, which spreads more easily and quickly than other variants. To keep our schools open and safe, the state is asking everyone who is eligible to be fully vaccinated. As a reminder, students who are vaccinated and asymptomatic will not need to quarantine if they become a close contact per RIDOH guidance. Please [click here](#) to review a joint letter from the Commissioner of Education and Dr. Alexander Scott regarding vaccinations. Also read this [RI VACCINATION FAQ](#)

News Worth Knowing...



Chariho Flu Clinics [CLICK HERE](#)

CHARIHO'S BACK-TO-SCHOOL PLAN [CLICK HERE](#)

Our 2021-2022 School Calendar can be found [HERE](#).

Updated RIDE/RIDOH Guidance regarding COVID 19 [Click Here](#).

Check out the "We Are Chariho" newsletter [HERE](#), which is aimed at celebrating Chariho's past, present, and future.



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