

Richfield Community Report

2017 - 2018

Inspiring Learners, Cultivating Leaders



Report to the Community



Richfield Joint School District No. 1

Mission Statement:

To ensure student growth and achievement through supportive learning environments, while cultivating challenging educational opportunities through parent, staff and community partnerships.

Vision Statement:

We will inspire our students to find the joy in life-long learning, reach their fullest potential and make positive contributions to their community.

Orientation Night - Thursday, August 24 from 4-7 pm. Students and parents will be able to meet their teachers and see their classrooms. The first day of school is Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

Plat School hours are 8:15 am - 3:15 pm and Richfield School hours are 8:00 am – 3:25 pm.

The staff worked hard to prepare for the new school year and are excited for the students to return. Here's to another productive year!



District Administrator's Message:

Dear School District Families,

I cannot begin to share with you how excited I am that the school year is just around the corner! In order to provide the best services available, this school year and summer, certainly have been busy ones. Each day our staff comes ready to ensure student growth and achievement through supportive learning environments. Teachers create challenging educational opportunities for individual students, no matter what their ability level. All of this is achieved through parent, staff, community, and of course student, partnerships. Through the efforts of our dedicated and passionate staff, our supportive parents, and our committed young learners we have been able to *Grow Together* during the past year.

During the 2016/17 school year, the Richfield Joint School District School Board established four goals for the district:

- Increase student achievement and reduce performance gaps as measured by various state and district assessments.
- Develop and implement a strategic plan, inclusive of goals and objectives, that links all district initiatives.
- Maximize financial resources while meeting ever-increasing financial challenges.
- Retain a highly productive and proficient workforce, maintaining and building on employee engagement.

With this in mind, there were many success stories during the past year to share with the community:

- ★ Readers' Workshop was implemented. Coupled with Writers' Workshop and additional English language arts enhancements over the last several years, an increase in student reading level and performance has been documented by district assessments.
- ★ A full-time middle school math teacher/math specialist was hired. This created consistency across the grade levels, and helped us to target math intervention for students in need, as well as provide enrichment for students who excel at mathematics.
- ★ A strategic planning meeting was held with parent, staff and community members in the fall. Due to pursuing consolidation, the decision was made to hold the planning in abeyance until the future of the district becomes more clear.
- ★ Administration is participating in a series of Continuing Improvement seminars in order to help guide the forward momentum of the district.
- ★ Curriculum Enhancements, a Long-Range Facilities Forecast, and Baird Budget Model Forecasting have continued to be utilized by the district to help plan and guide district operations.
- ★ Several energy efficiency projects were completed this summer, including the roof, windows, and heating/cooling units through the use of Act 32.
- ★ The district has continued to work with area school districts in order to hire part-time staff members. This cooperation has been fruitful, and has encouraged longevity in positions that otherwise are considered high-turnover.
- ★ A Staff Recommendations Council was developed to communicate on a variety of issues, topics and decisions and provide feedback, as well as to help articulate the District's mission and vision.

The Richfield Joint School District No. 1 is a very special place to be. We continue to work hard and make improvements that benefit our students both directly and indirectly. Though the landscape of our district is likely to change for the 2018/19 school year given the pending consolidation, rest assured, that we have but one goal: to continue to inspire our students to reach their fullest potential, develop a joy of learning, and make positive contributions to the Richfield community. I am so honored to lead this district, am proud of all we have accomplished together, and appreciate all of the support each of you give to the district, and the faith you place in us.

If you would like to know more about our district, please feel free to contact me, or stop in for a tour!

Tara Villalobos

District Administrator

Richfield Joint School District School Board



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President



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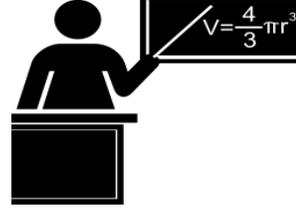
Brian Gallitz
Immediate Past Member

The board is charged with setting goals and establishing policies for the operation of the district. The board strives to include equality of educational opportunity and quality instruction.

Standing Board Committees: Budget, Building, and Transportation; Curriculum; Facilities & Operations;

Negotiations; and Policy.

Board President's Message:



Dear Parents and Community Members:

The School Board of the Richfield Joint School District No. 1 is both pleased and honored to have served the residents of the Richfield community in providing the very best education possible for the children of our community for the last 150 years. The Richfield Joint School District is truly an outstanding school district which continues to be low spending and high performing. We will continue to provide high quality services, but the look of this delivery may change in the 2018-19 school year:

In July, both the Richfield Joint School District No. 1 School Board and Friess Lake School District School Board adopted resolutions and orders to consolidate. This decision was made after careful consideration and much input. Both boards feel that the community's students will be better served if the two districts join forces as a unified system.

In making this decision, it is fitting that on the evening of our board meeting we found letters, notes and news-clippings from the 1860s regarding the status of the district and how the community could work together to support the interests and opportunities of the students. Though a change of this magnitude could not have been predicted, 150 years later, our community still wants and values what is best for our students. In establishing a new district, we will work tirelessly to ensure that we create new traditions of excellence that support the community.

Important details to note regarding a consolidated school district include:

- **District Name:** Holy Hill Area School District
- **Board Size:** Seven members (five at large, one-apportioned seat per original district; this means at minimum one person will be elected from the Friess Lake School boundaries and one from the Richfield School Boundaries, the other five board members can reside in either original school district)
- **Apportionment:** One, one-year term per original district (this means that a minimum of one person from both Friess Lake and Richfield will be guaranteed a position on the school board for one year)
- **Referendum:** No mention of referendum is made in the resolution. This means that a referendum would be held only by petition
- **Annual Meeting:** To be held October 22, 2018, at Friess Lake.

Though consolidation will mean significant changes for the 2018/19 school year, you should not expect an interruption in services this year. Our administration has been careful in their planning and consideration for the upcoming school year, and "business" will carry on as usual. As the school year continues, we will also share preliminary plans for a new, consolidated school district, remembering that by working together we will find strength and unity.

Blair Rogacki

School Board President

2016-17 Richfield Joint School District Highlights



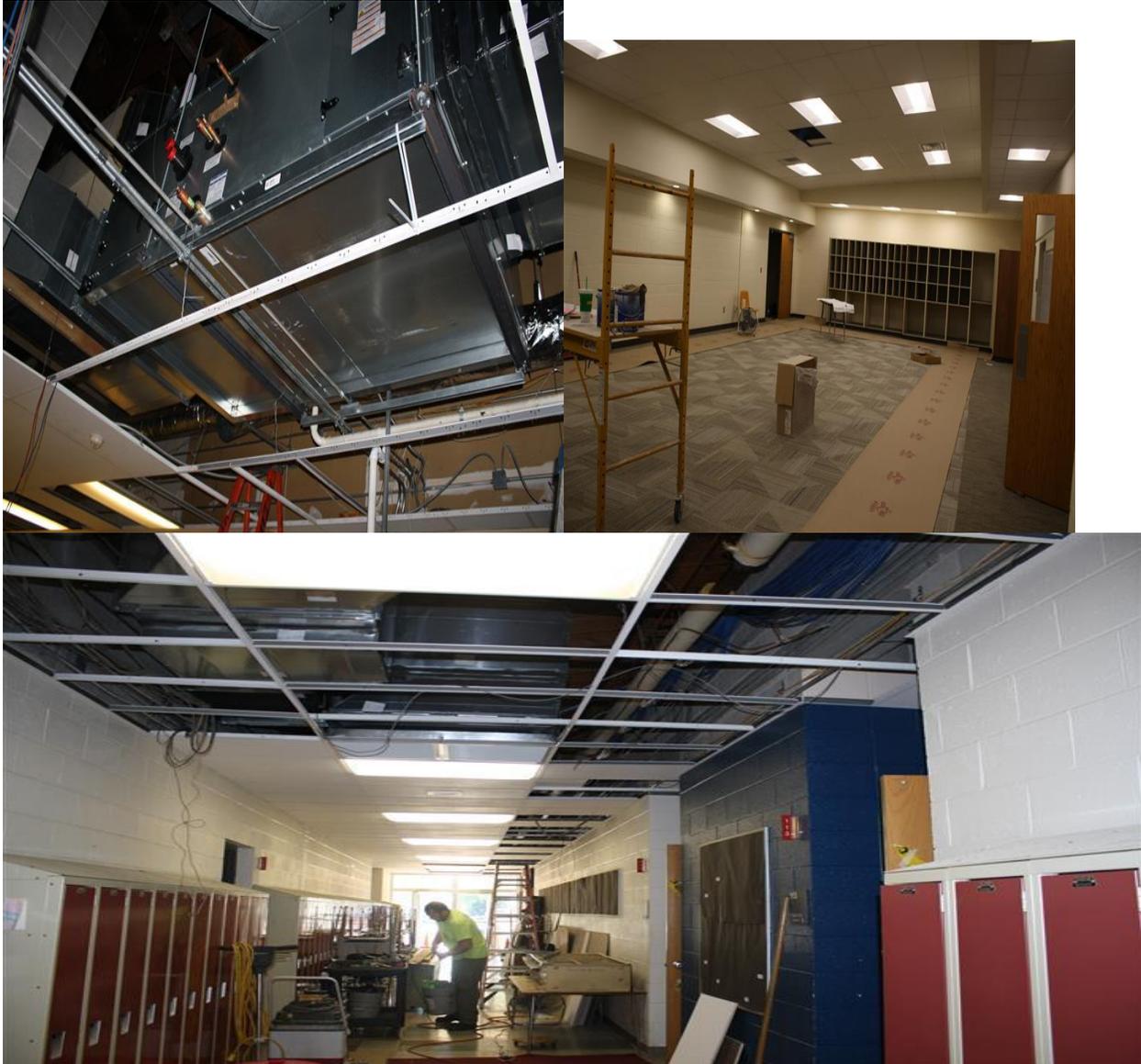
Points of Pride!

The Richfield School District No. 1 has obtained numerous grants during the 2016/17 school year and hopes to continue receiving the same grant monies for the 2017/18 school year. The grants received are Fuel Up to Play 60, Peer Review and Mentor Grant, IDEA Flow Through grant, IDEA Preschool Entitlement grant, Educator Effectiveness grant, Kohl's Cares grants, AODA Mini grant, and the Trifecta Foundation Reading grant. Grant money helps the district implement and sustain many of the educational programs for students.

Richfield School

The Richfield School is in the process of completing energy efficiency projects to restore and improve our building's functionality. These projects consisted of a roof replacement, rooftop HVAC units for classrooms, baseboard heating units in classrooms, flooring, carpeting, and window

replacement. The improvements will help regulate classroom temperatures, address badly needed repairs, and aid in lowering utility costs.



Do you want to work or volunteer in the district?

Richfield School is looking to hire a daily, part-time Food Service Server. Both Richfield and Plat Schools are in need of Lunch Server Volunteers and Noon Recess Volunteers. Please contact either school to discuss further details.



Plat School - 4K - 2nd Grade



NOTICE OF ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING, RICHFIELD JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.1

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the qualified electors of the Richfield Jt. School District No. 1 that the Annual Meeting of said district for the transaction of business, will be held in the Richfield Elementary School Cafeteria, 3117 Highway 167, Richfield, Wisconsin 53076 on the 30th day of October, 2017, at 8:00 p.m.

Dated this 15th day of August, 2017.

Blair Rogacki

School District Board President

3117 Highway 167

Richfield, WI 53076

Please take notice that the Annual meeting of the Richfield Joint School District No. 1 Board of Education, will be held on Monday, October 30, 2017, at 8:00 P.M. in the Multipurpose room at Richfield Elementary School, at which time the following items of business will be considered and possibly acted upon:

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA – October 30, 2017

- I. Call Meeting to Order – 8:00 p.m. – District Administrator Tara Villalobos
- II. Pledge of Allegiance – District Administrator Tara Villalobos
- III. Elect the Annual Meeting Chairperson
- IV. Approval of the Minutes of the October 24, 2016, Richfield Joint School District No. 1 Annual Meeting
- V. Official Reports and Recommendations
 - a. President’s Report – Blair Rogacki
 - b. District Administrator’s Report – Mrs. Tara Villalobos
- VI. Presentation of the Proposed 2017-2018 Richfield Joint School District No. 1 Budget – School Business Consultant – Mr. John Stellmacher
- VII. Public Hearing on the Proposed 2017-2018 Richfield Joint School District No.1 Budget – School Business Consultant – Mr. John Stellmacher
- VIII. Adoption of Proposed Resolutions
 - a. Direct the School Board to Furnish School Lunches to District Students and Appropriate Funds for that purpose
 - b. Authorize the School Board to Furnish Textbooks to Students under Conditions Prescribed by the School Board
 - c. Reimbursement of School Board Member Travel Expenses
 - d. Set Salaries for the School Board Members
 - e. Adoption of Tax Levy
 - f. Direct and Provide for Prosecution or Defense of any Legal Action or Proceedings in which the School District is interested.
 - g. Affirm the Date for the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Holy Hill Area School District
 - h. Fund 41 Resolution
- IX. Adjournment

**Richfield Association of Parents and sTaff
Needs YOU!!!**

As our students graduate and move on, their parents move on with them. New volunteers are needed in order to provide the high level of support that RAPT has maintained over the years. This is not a major commitment. Many hands make light work. Contact Chris Gartzke at 414-659-0193 or rapt@gmail.com to find out how you can make a difference in your student’s education and the community. OR, fill out your contact information below and return this form to school with your child and a RAPT representative will contact you.

Thanks for your consideration in helping make our schools great.



Come to a meeting!

September 12

November 14

January 9

March 13

May 8

All meetings are from 6pm - 7:30pm
in the Richfield Elementary School Library
located at 3117 Holy Hill Road.

Members bring issues to discuss with District Administrator Tara Villalobos. Ms. Villalobos and guest speakers will inform members about educational issues that concern students, parents and staff. All meetings are open to the public. Members are those who expressed their interest and were selected to represent their child's grade level at the meetings. Guests may include school board members, administrators, program specialists, and community leaders.

For more information please email VillalobosT@richfield.k12.wi.us

Legal Notices

Please visit www.richfield.k12.wi.us to view all required legal notice publications, such as:

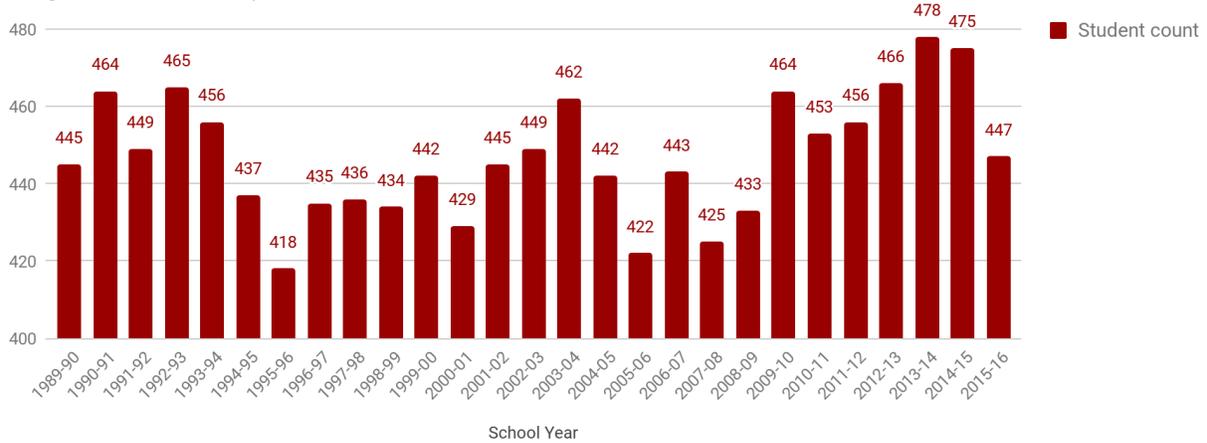
Annual Notice of Educational Options	Asbestos Notification	Bullying Policy and Guidelines	Child Nutrition Programs
Designation and Maintenance of Student Records	Drug Free Schools	Education of Homeless Children and Youths	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)
Human Growth and Development	Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA)	Meningococcal Information	Notice of Child Find Activity
Parents' Religious Rights and Curriculum	School Accountability Report	School Attendance Policy - Student Attendance; Habitual Truancy	Student Academic Standards
Student Locker Searches	Student Nondiscrimination	Student Privacy	Student Use of Two-Way Communication Devices

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Student Enrollment

Longitudinal Membership Data



District Financial Highlights

No Unfunded Liability Debt

No Short-term borrowing since 2014

Energy saving improvements continue

Tax levy leveled

Retiree benefit costs decreased dramatically



Richfield Jt. School District Budget 2017-2018

Richfield Joint School District No. 1 - 2017-2018 Budget Publication

The School Board of the Richfield Joint School District No. 1 hereby gives notice on the 2017-2018 budget as required by § 65.90 Wisconsin Statutes. All accounts are used in the manner described by the Department of Public Instruction. Copies of the detailed document are available for review during normal working hours at: 3117 State Road 167, Richfield, WI, 53076.

PROPERTY TAX LEVY	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
General Fund	\$ 2859,596.00	\$3,494,265.00	\$3,599,390.00
Non-Referendum Debt	\$46,618.00	\$193,776.00	\$197,066.00
Debt Service Fund	\$ -		
Capital Expansion Fund	\$400,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$20,000.00
Community Service Fund	\$51,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total School Levy	\$ 3,357,214.00	\$3,788,041.00	\$3,816,456.00
Percentage Increase/Decrease	0.00%	12.83%	.75%
Equalized Value Total District	\$599,540,336.00	\$617,133,087.00	\$617,133,087.00
Equalized Tax Rate	5.59/M	6.14/M	6.18/M
Percentage Increase/Decrease	-4.44%	9.84%	.65%

Addendum: Revenue Limit Energy Efficiency Exemption 2016-17

The board has evaluated the energy performance indicators of the 2016-17 Energy Exemption and has concluded that a decrease of the annual utility and Operational costs has been obtained by the measures taken. The overall project payback will span 13 -15 years at costs savings of approximately \$1,579.00 annually.

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