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To: Blue Ridge Board of Education  
Mr. Ryan Peyton, Superintendent

From: Brian Easter, Blue Ridge High School Principal

Date: June 8, 2026

Re: BRHS Board Report

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## Upcoming Events:

JUNE

8-11 State FFA Convention (Springfield)

## FYI:

### By the numbers -

We have 156 students enrolled at Blue Ridge High School at the end of the year. Average Daily Attendance Rate for the month of May was 92.3%. Our average attendance for the year was 90%. Both of these numbers were slightly down from last year (94 and 91.7).

Chronic absenteeism is a section in our school report card from the state that affects our overall rating on the report each year. A student is considered "chronically absent" if they miss more than 10% (18 days) of school either excused or unexcused. Here is what that has looked like for BRHS in the past 5 years:

- SY22 - 30.5%
- SY23 - 28.7%
- SY24 - 32.3%
- SY25 - 28.3%
- SY26 - 32.3%

This continues to be an area of focus for our building as a whole. Some questions we are constantly tackling... What can we do as a building to make sure that kids want to be at school? What can we do in our classrooms to make sure that the time spent there is valuable/necessary? How can we communicate better with families to help encourage them to have their students here at school?

14 total students failed a total of 20 classes during 2nd semester. This is almost identical to the numbers from last year (14 students failed 23 classes).

Discipline data from SY26 (and also SY25, SY24, SY23):

- Detentions - 157 (148, 112, 251)
  - Slight increase over last year, but considerably down from SY23
- Saturday Schools - 0 (1, 11, 6)
  - Clearly have not employed this as a tool much in the past 2 years.
- In-School Suspensions - 17 (12, 15, 26)
  - Again, a bit of an uptick in ISS for this year... but down quite a bit from SY23
- Out of School Suspensions - 7 (3, 4, 13)
  - More of the same trend... up from previous two years, down from SY23
- Electronics referrals - 75 (88, 98, 118)
  - Fewer electronics referrals this year.

### **Spring I-Ready results**

I will have this information ready to share at the board meeting next week.

### **5 Essentials Highlights - BRHS**

The 5Essentials were developed by the University of Chicago Urban Education Institute, in partnership with Chicago Public Schools. The tool is used throughout the state as a way for schools to monitor how students, staff and parents perceive the school.

Student Response Rate - 96.7%

Teacher Response Rate - 84.6%

Improvements From Last Year:

Math Instruction +7 points (57/100)

School-Wide Future Orientation + 4 points (39/100)

Student -Teacher Trust + 4 points (46/100)

Highest Performing Areas:

Math Instruction - 57/100

Program Coherence - 53/100

Parent Influence on Decision Making in Schools - 50/100

Things to Work On:

Collaborative Teachers -4 points: The hope is that with PLC time, there will be an increase in collaborative practices and collective responsibility which decreased significantly from previous years scores

Program Coherence -10 points: Again, while this is a high performing area, we saw a decrease in the rating scores. PLC time should help alleviate some of that.

Teacher Principal Trust -4 points: While the majority of the respondents indicated that they trusted the administration, one area that can be emphasized is "Teachers feel respected by the principal" where 45% of the staff said they felt not at all (18%) or a little (27%). Conversely, the other 55% said they felt respected to a great extent.

**End of season athletic recognitions:**

**Girls Track** - Ariahna Miller-Brown - Ariahna qualified for the state track meet in the 400 meter dash with a 2nd place finish at the sectional meet.

Lexi Winstead - Lexi qualified for the state track meet in the 100 meter dash with a 2nd place finish at the sectional meet.

**Boys Track** - Chase Ellis - Chase qualified for the state track meet in the long jump by surpassing the qualifying standard at the sectional meet.

**Softball** - Addison Roos - Addison was selected as a 1st team all-conference softball player for the Lincoln Prairie Conference based on her performance this spring.

Olivia Jones - Olivia was selected as a 2nd team all-conference softball player for the Lincoln Prairie Conference based on her performance this spring.

Karlee Fenton - Karlee was selected as an honorable mention all-conference softball player for the Lincoln Prairie Conference based on her performance this spring.