

# Superintendent's Bulletin

## "SERIOUS COMMITMENT TO STUDENT SUCCESS"

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**TO: RSD Families and Staff**  
**FROM: Peggy DiNinno**  
**SUBJ: RSD Updates**

### **Superintendent's Bulletin**

This Bulletin is published periodically to provide families and staff with updates and other important information.

### **School Make Up-Days**

Due to weather related incidents this year, make up days are necessary. Please note the following:

#### Student Days-

4/23: School Day

6/6: School Day

6/7: School Day

#### Teacher Days -

6/10: Teacher Clerical Day

6/11: Prof. Dev. Day

6/12: Prof. Dev. Day

### **Senior Interviews**

All students from the Class of 2019 participated in formal exit interviews this month. Portfolios and goals were shared with an adult interview panel. The learning experience was quite impressive and made us all very proud of our students!

### **SHREK – RSD Musical**

This year's Riverview Musical, SHREK, will run from March 28<sup>th</sup> through 31<sup>st</sup>. Tickets are available via the District web page at [www.rsd.k12.pa.us](http://www.rsd.k12.pa.us).

### **Give Back Day**

During February, our students reflected and created plans for ways to give back to our very supportive community. Our annual Give Back Day will take place on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. During this time, Riverview students will volunteer their time and share their talents.

### **IMPACT Day**

Our Third Annual Day of recognizing those in our community who have had a significant impact on the lives of our students will be held on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Please consider nominating someone who serves our students in an unsung hero manner. Nomination forms will be available soon.

### **Arrivederci and Buon Divertimento Model UN**

Congratulations, safe travels, and happy learning to our prestigious Model UN students who were invited to ROME Italy to participate in an international Model UN competition. We are proud of your accomplishments. Special thanks to all who have helped to support this opportunity for our students.

### **Riverview News**

Want to share good news about a Riverview student or program? Kindly send a

summary - including who, what, when, where, why and anything else that's important to [emiller@rsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:emiller@rsd.k12.pa.us). Thank you!

### **Superintendent/Parent Workshops**

4 Workshops are held each year at different times of the day and at locations throughout the district. The next session will take place in April. If you have a topic that you would like Dr. DiNinno to discuss, kindly email [ltamburro@rsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:ltamburro@rsd.k12.pa.us) and we will gladly consider including your topic as part our agenda/discussion. The April meeting date will be announced in the near future.

### **DISTRICT WEBPAGE**

Our School District website serves as a valuable tool for sharing and communicating important information to staff and families. Please visit the site regularly and review the information. [www.rsd.k12.pa.us](http://www.rsd.k12.pa.us)

### **2019 – 2023 Strategic Plan**

A special thanks to the 60+ members of the community and school district who reviewed and revised our Strategic Plan this year. A reader friendly version of the final plan has been created

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and will be distributed to all families over the next few weeks. Please take some time to read and familiarize yourself with the plan.

### **2019-2020 Budget**

Development of the 2019-2020 school district budget is in process. Please take some time to review important materials located on the school district website under the Business Office tab. Educational materials provided there are meant to assist with understanding the budget process and school district needs. Note that limited revenues, along with state and federal mandates, impact revenues and expenditures. Revenues are largely tied to local tax dollars. Expenditures are largely tied to contractual obligations and state and federal mandated program offerings. We are currently working to create a budget that meets the needs of our students and is fair to our local residents.

### **Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)**

Beginning next year, the District will facilitate 20 after school PLC sessions for our teachers as they collaborate and work together to learn from each other and create ways to support student needs on a regular basis throughout the school year.

### **Columbia University PD**

We are pleased that almost 20 RSD educators will participate in Columbia University's high quality professional development that focuses on supporting our students with writing skills this June.

### **Standout School - Verner**

Congratulations to Verner Elementary School for earning a #7 ranking as a "Standout School" in the local metro area by Niche!

### **What's New At Riverview**

The school district periodically sends news, updates, and e-newsletters about District happenings through an email system titled "What's New At Riverview". If you are not receiving these messages, and would like to be included kindly contact Elissa Miller at [emiller@rsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:emiller@rsd.k12.pa.us).

### **PAsmart Grant - STEM**

Thanks to the leadership efforts of teacher Cathy Favo and several other RSD educators, Riverview was selected as one of 16 Allegheny County education entities, to be awarded a \$35,000 grant to support professional development and STEM initiatives in our elementary schools. Job well done!

### **Kindergarten Registration**

Kindergarten registration has started and screenings are being implemented. If you have a child, or know of a child, who will be attending Tenth Street or Verner Elementary as a new kindergarten student in the fall of 2019, please contact the school office.

### **Facility Grant**

As a result of Albert Pater's commitment to our facilities, the District has been awarded a grant for up to \$15,000 to assist us with supporting a healthy learning environment for our students and staff.

### **Safe Learning Environment**

The District continues to monitor safe learning environment practices. In addition to Mr. Rizzo, who works with local law enforcement on a regular basis, our guidance counselors work with staff to support students' social and emotional needs. As caring adults, we can best support our students by actively monitoring their needs and reporting any concerns to appropriate officials. Our website also provides several resources to report concerns. As always, your building principal can be contacted to assist you.