

September Board Updates 2018



Academics and Curriculum

We're off to a great start with support for new teachers from their mentors, from our reading specialist, Denise Peterson and from all the amazing staff here at BASD! We have a proactive, solution-based, positive team in our district, and we get our students what they need academically and social emotionally.

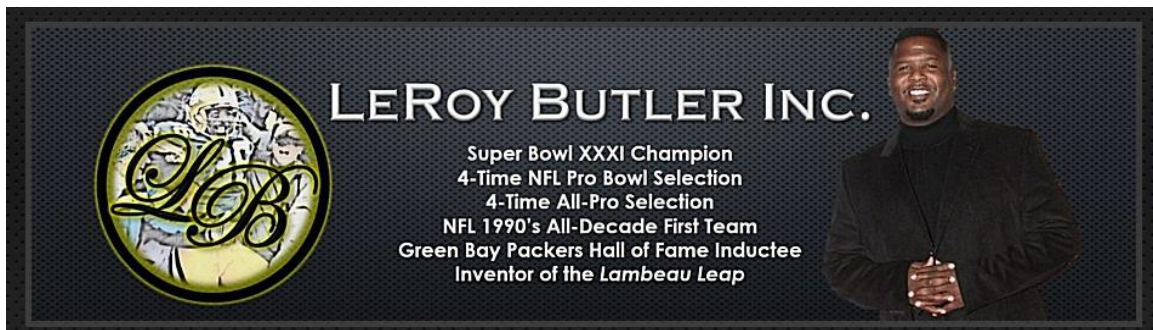
We are already finishing our first reading and math screening in all buildings. These assessments allow us to monitor the academic growth of our students throughout the year, to assure effective data driven instruction.

Community and Parents

SAVE THE DATE
September 25th
at our Barron Area High School

5:30 Tailgate Party: Brat Feed
6:30 LeRoy Butler: Key Note Speaker

WELCOME COMMUNITY
Bring the entire family!



A second important initiative this year will be forming a Task Force of community members to address the future of BASD. In order to meet our goals this year under our pillar for Community and Parents, we are going to be looking at long-term planning for our school district. The task of educating our youth impacts our families, communities, country and our world. We don't take this task lightly as we intend to keep expectations high and compassion even higher. I strongly believe that all stakeholders should be involved in these processes. Since, I have taken the honor of the Superintendent's seat, I have held well over 100 community conversations in order to help understand what makes our community tick. We have a tightly knitted community that is family oriented and proud of all that we have accomplished. In my conversations with folks, I have asked what is working well in our district, what needs improvement and what folks can do to help us advance BASD. I have also asked the question, how can this fine district best serve you and your groups educational interest?

The next step in this process is to develop a task force that includes willing community members to meet on a regular basis for some informal conversation about what we want our district to look like for this Golden Bear generation as well as the next. I am inviting anyone interested in serving on this Task Force to please contact me personally to let me know your willingness to begin these collaborative conversations. I hope to have our first meeting in January 2019.

Please contact me at tremblayd@barron.k12.wi.us or at my cell number 715-418-9861. I very much look forward to working with all of you on the future of BASD.

Extracurriculars

Fall sports are in full swing. I have had the privilege of attending events for all of our Golden Bear tennis, soccer, cross-country, football, volleyball and golf. Our athletes are doing a beautiful job representing our school district. We are so proud of all of them! Keep up the great work coaches and athletes! Work hard and compete well!

We have started using a new electronic platform this year for our Coaches to more effectively submit their transportation schedule. One of the benefits is it allows players, staff, and parents to see departure times for events. Coaches are also using another feature in rschool to report their scores so fans can check scores.

Please save and use this link: <https://heartonorth.org/public/scorestanding/genie/142/school/144/>

Our marching band had a beautiful performance in the Barron Fall Fest Parade. We want to extend our sincere apologies for not being able to make it to the Ridgeland parade on Labor Day. Our band was not able to access their instruments due to a construction project that interfered with this process and ability to prepare. We will make every effort in the future to be more proactive with communications and participation in all of these important community events! They are very important to us!

Facilities

Our High School Phase II construction project is successfully underway. This includes our agriculture department, choir and band areas. These facility upgrades are going to be 21st century learning areas that are effectively conducive to student engagement. We are very excited to get our students learning in these new areas. Our teachers have been wonderfully flexible in

that they are teaching out of our high school gym stage and in our commons area. The students have been great with these adjustments too.

Woodland's parking lot procedural changes are going well. We have 2 adults outside in the morning between 7:45 am and 8:10 am to greet students as parents drive through and do not exit their vehicle. After school, 2 adults walk students to the drive-through lane and help get students loaded. Parents can still enter the building for various other needs, but they will need to be "buzzed in."

Finance

Our annual school budget meeting will be October 22nd at 6:30 in our Central office conference room. All are welcome to attend.

Food Service

Our great cooking staff attended the CESA #11 foodservice workshop and food show in order to keep on top of the newest food service items.

We are also very happy to report that one of our 2018-19 annual goals has already been met because all of our cooks are ServSafe certified! The ServSafe Manager Certification is accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) under the Conference for Food Protection Standards. The ServSafe Food Handler Certificate verifies basic food safety knowledge and is for individuals in food handler employee-level positions.

Health and Safety

We are working hard to implement our Safety initiatives toward meeting our goals for 2018-19. We have had the opportunity to put in for two rounds of grant monies that are specifically marked to improve safety in our district. Due to this funding source, our entry ways are undergoing adjustments and renovations to assure safety for our Golden Bears. We will also be installing over 40 new/upgrades for cameras in our buildings for clear visibility inside and out. In addition, we are looking to upgrade our phone communication systems and train a trauma sensitive team of dedicated staff members.

We also have completed work and communications for all of our students who have individual health plans.

Pupil Services

Our Riverview Middle School, Boys & Girls Club has a total of 44 members already and the 21st Century Grant is moving forward very well! We are now looking for a certified teacher to work with the students on academic enrichment.

School Board

Our school board has been touring building walkthroughs on a monthly basis, in order to assist in long-term facilities planning. We also rotate to our outlying buildings in Dallas, Ridgeland and Almena to hold monthly board meetings.

Staff Talent/Development

All of our teachers will be presented with an electronic curriculum platform that will showcase our Golden Standards for each of our classrooms and disciplines. Once we complete this living document, it will then be published on our website. The purpose of this platform is so all stakeholders can see our student performance standards for learning.

Grades 6-8 English Language Arts have participated in start-up training for My Perspectives. This implementation will end our district wide initiative for upgrading our English Reading programs here at BASD from Kindergarten through twelfth grade.

Our new Mathematics curriculum GoMath, which is common to our entire district has also held ongoing staff support and training, so that we can best utilize all resources available in order to maximize student engagement and achievement.

Technology

Our awesome technology department has successfully prepared, planned and distributed all devices to students and new staff. We are confident that we have covered all of our bases for training staff this year in regards to electronically updating parents on a weekly basis regarding their student's progress in the classrooms. We have also decommissioned all of our old servers with the replacement of four new servers, and this process is ongoing. Our technology department has also worked closely on all school safety initiatives as well as new construction project tech needs. These items allow us to keep up with the ever-changing 21st century technology initiatives.