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Riverside Secures \$2.5 Million CTE Grant

The Riverside Local School District has been awarded \$2.5 million from the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce to expand their career elective offerings. This grant award will allow the District to build an addition on the existing Riverside High School to create space for career education and hands-on learning.

In addition, the grant will fund materials and equipment to further student learning and exposure to specific industry needs. While career education has long been the mission of Joint Vocational School Districts, such as Auburn Career Center, Riverside sees value in experiences that allow all students to gain a better understanding of what career pathway they might want to pursue after graduation. Through the implementation of this grant, Riverside will be able to continue to offer these opportunities to all students.

The additional space at Riverside, which is tentatively scheduled to be completed by the Spring of 2026, will be used to expand and enhance the Construction, Advanced Manufacturing, and Healthcare programs already offered at the school. A lack of space has limited the development of these programs, and the District hopes to see increased enrollment as a result of the additional learning space.

Riverside High School began its career elective offerings several



**Department of
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years ago when the District received a grant to upgrade its welding lab. The welding lab, now a state-of-the-art facility, spurred the development of other career electives that could be offered in the traditional high school environment. Students are able to earn credentials in a specific industry, as well as gain valuable experience in the career field of their choice.

Starting in 2024-2025, the District will offer at least one career elective in each of the career fields identified by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce. Unlike traditional career-tech schools, Riverside focuses on creating an elective, not a program, that allows students to earn credentials, gain experience in the field, and work towards graduation requirements.



We hope everyone has a safe, fun and relaxing break.

Spring Vacation begins on Monday, March 25 and classes resume on Tuesday, April 2.

Enjoy this time with your family and friends.



Our MISSION . . . Through a culture of excellence, immerse students in educational opportunities and empower them to excel in an interconnected world.



District Awarded \$40K Safety Grant

The Riverside Local School District has been awarded a \$40,000 School Safety and Security Grant from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation. This grant award will go toward the purchase of additional security cameras and secure keycard systems.

The secure keycard systems will align with the District's transition to employee identification badges. All staff members across the District will now wear employee identification badges that will allow them to enter buildings in place of physical keys. The badges are also used for printers, copy machines and time clocks. This allows the District to better track and monitor staff entering our buildings and access can easily be shut off at any time. The badges also display the employee's photo so students, parents and visitors can properly identify the staff member.

The additional security cameras will be high-definition external dome cameras and will provide better coverage around Riverside Campus, the Field House, the stadium, athletic fields and the Campus parking lot.



Bureau of Workers' Compensation

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation School Safety and Security Grant Program assists Ohio employers with ensuring the safety of their staff who instruct children throughout the state. The program is available to eligible Ohio employers who wish to purchase equipment to substantially improve the safety and security of facilities, and to reduce or eliminate injuries or illnesses associated with providing educational services to children.

This is the second time the District has received this grant. Back in 2019, the District was also awarded \$40,000, which was used to purchase bus cameras and radios.

As always, the safety of our students and staff is our top priority. Implementation of these additional security cameras and secure keycard systems will help us continue to provide a safe environment for everyone in our District.



Winter Sports *Wrap-Up*

Congratulations to all of the Riverside High School varsity winter sports teams for having great seasons!

- **Girls Basketball — WRC 1st Place**
Perfect Western Reserve Conference record (10-0) marked the first time since 2005 the team achieved back-to-back conference titles.
- **Boys Basketball — WRC 4th Place**
- **Boys Swimming and Diving — WRC 2nd Place**
- **Girls Swimming and Diving — WRC 4th Place**
- **Gymnastics — WRC 3rd Place**
Mia Petrigac finished 19th at the State Meet in the Floor Exercise.
- **Wrestling — WRC 2nd Place**
Antonio Bottiggi earned the runner-up spot (285) and David Rocha finished in 8th place (120) at the State Meet.
- **Indoor Track & Field —**
Maddie Moore placed 17th at the State Meet in the Shot Put.

We now look forward to the spring sports season. Best of luck to our Baseball, Softball, Track & Field and Lacrosse teams.

Want to receive text messages from the District?

If you haven't already, you can Opt-In to receive text messages by texting the word YES to 79041. Generally, the District only sends text messages for emergency situations, bus delays and calamity days.

LOOKING FOR WORK? ... Classified Substitute Hourly Rates Have Increased!

**Evening Custodians and Substitutes • Latchkey Assistants • Lunchroom Assistants
Special Needs Classroom Assistants • Bus Drivers and Bus Aides • Transportation Dept. Substitutes**

Any interested applicants should contact Mallory Aliff, Human Resources Director for the Riverside Local School District, by email at mallory.aliff@riversideschools.net or apply via the Employment page at www.riversidelocalschools.com.