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## Coach Bors Steps Down



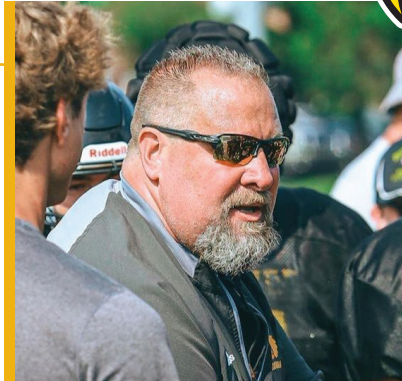
Riverside Head Football Coach and Athletic Director **Dave Bors** has announced that he will be stepping down from his position as head coach of the varsity football team after 14 seasons. He will remain in his position as the District's Athletic Director.

Bors was hired as head coach of the Riverside Beavers football team in 2010. He took over a 2-8 football team and has since achieved remarkable success.

Beyond the wins and losses, Bors has been a mentor and role model to countless student-athletes on and off the field while focusing on instilling values of discipline, teamwork, leadership, commitment, work ethic, community, positive attitude and determination.

"I am proud and honored to have been able to have served as the head coach for the Riverside Beavers for the last 14 years," Bors said. "It's humbling to be a small part of such a great District and community. I cannot thank everyone enough for all of the support and effort in helping to get this program to one that is recognized and respected statewide. I have said many times that this has taken a tremendous amount of hard work by a lot of tremendous people.

"With that said, I would like to give my sincerest



thanks and gratitude to my wife, three daughters and family, all of the past and current high school, middle school, and youth coaches, all of our great players, parents, cheerleaders, trainers, administration, school boards, teachers, staff, Gridiron Club, and ultimately, the entire community of Riverside Nation. It could not have been done without you. I will forever cherish so many great relationships built, triumphs accomplished, and experiences had, so again, my sincerest thanks and gratitude to everyone.

"I look forward to continuing to work with all of the Riverside student-athletes and coaches in my role as Athletic Director and am extremely confident the football program will continue to build upon its success next season and beyond."

*Please join us in congratulating **Coach Bors** on a long and very successful coaching career at Riverside High School.*

### Highlights from **Dave Bors'** tenure as the Varsity Football Coach at Riverside

- Winning record of 85-64 at Riverside (overall head coaching career record of 106-74)
- 52-38 conference record
- Playoff appearances in 2013, 2018, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023
- Seven playoff wins including the first ever postseason victory in school history (2018)
- First time in school history in 2018 to make it to the second round of the playoffs (and again in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023)
- First time in school history in 2022 to make it to the third round of the playoffs (and again in 2023)
- First time in school history in 2020 to host a home football playoff game (and again in 2021, 2022, 2023)
- Under Bors the Beavers never lost a home playoff game (6-0)
- The Beavers currently have a 16-game home winning streak dating back to the 2021 season
- The football team earned Academic All-Ohio status in 2021, 2022 and 2023
- 2012 Liberty Ford Coach of the Year
- 2013, 2018, 2020 and 2022 Lake County Touchdown Club Coach of the Year
- 2022 Division II Northeast Lakes District Coach of the Year
- 2022 Ohio High School Football Coaches Association Region 5 Coach of the Year
- 2022 Associated Press All-Ohio Division II Coach of the Year
- 2022 The News-Herald's Bob Ritley Football Coach of the Year Award
- 2013, 2018 and 2022 Western Reserve Conference Coach of the Year



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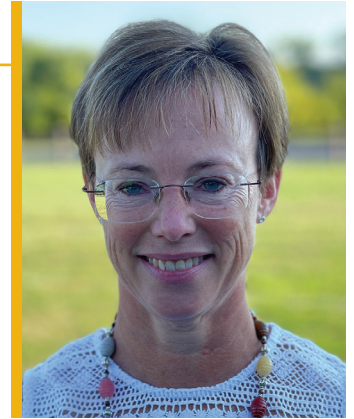
## Kindergarten Info

Registration for the Class of 2037 is live. Visit [www.riversidelocalschools.com](http://www.riversidelocalschools.com) and click on the 'Registration Information' link underneath the parents tab to get started. To be eligible for kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year, children must be 5 years of age on or before September 30, 2024. **Kindergarten Orientation** will be on Wednesday, August 21 and screenings will be scheduled for August 22 and August 23.

Incoming kindergarteners who are registered by May 8 will be eligible to attend a **Kindergarten Kick-Off Night** on May 8 from 5:30-7 p.m. Each elementary school in the District will host the event. This will be an opportunity for the soon-to-be kindergarteners to see their new school, meet the kindergarten staff and learn about what the upcoming school year will look like for them.

## Westbrook To Fill New Position

Riverside Local Schools is pleased to announce **Jennifer Westbrook** has been named the Early Childhood Assistant Principal, effective August 1, 2024. This is a newly created position that will oversee the District's preschool program while also assisting with administrative duties at Buckeye and Melridge elementary schools – where preschool will now be located.



Westbrook has been with the District since 2020 when she was hired as an assistant principal at Riverside Campus. In 2022, she became the Special Education Supervisor for the Student Services Department. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Public Relations from Kent State University and a Master's Degree in Teaching in Special Education from Ursuline College. She also completed post-graduate work in Education Administration at Kent State University. Prior to being hired at Riverside, she was an intervention specialist at Crestwood Middle School for 13 years.

"I am excited to join the preschool team and welcome our youngest learners to the Riverside Local School District," Westbrook said. "I am also looking forward to supporting our elementary teams at Buckeye and Melridge elementaries. I am honored to be able to extend the District's work in Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports and early interventions to the preschool and elementary level."

"We are thrilled to have Mrs. Westbrook serve in this new position as she brings in a wealth of experience, enthusiasm, and knowledge," added Superintendent Christopher Rateno, Ed. D. "This role will be crucial to providing the best possible start for our youngest students while also creating an environment where every child can flourish, laying the groundwork for success. I am certain Mrs. Westbrook will be a great fit for this role."

Westbrook will continue serving as the District's Special Education Supervisor until July 31, 2024.

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