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June 2020

Upcoming Events

- 6/1 | Restraint and seclusion [data collection begins](#)
- 6/10 | Application deadline extended for [Comprehensive Literacy State Development Grant](#)
- 6/10 | Register for virtual [Ohio Teacher Leadership Summit](#)
- 6/15-8/10 | Register for [Sebring Trauma-Skilled Educators Institute](#)
- 6/15-6/30 | Transcripts & Diplomas due to sponsor
- 6/20 | 2020 Youth Arts Exhibition Culinary Arts, Cooking & Baking [entries due](#)
- 6/20 | 2020 Youth Arts Exhibition Creative Arts, Crafts & Fashion [entries due](#)
- 7/1 | Emergency Management Plan Certification Due
- 7/1 | Submission deadline for [grade 3 paper testing resolution for 2020-2021](#)
- 7/19-23 | Apply to attend the [Ohio Youth Leadership Forum](#)
- 7/28-31 | Register for [PBL Ohio Institute and Preconference](#)

Black River Career Prep Refuses to Let Pandemic Slow Them Down!

The students at Black River Career Prep High School (BRCPHS) in Elyria, Ohio, have not let the pandemic of COVID-19 slow them down. Students, specifically the Seniors, have not missed a beat while pursuing their diplomas in light of state-mandated school closures.

From March 16 through May 19, students at BRCPHS have earned a total of 114 credits, both through an online curriculum, as well as paper packets. Staff at the school have been working morning, noon, and night to provide the best possible support as students churn through their coursework. Staff are safely meeting students at the school, delivering work to homes and students' places of employment, and conducting lessons and assessments over the phone.



Lorain Preparatory Academy Holds Sendoff Event for Students

The Morning Journal featured Lorain Preparatory Academy's sendoff event for students that was held on May 20. The staff wanted to give students a proper sendoff to signal the end of the school year.

The school held a small event in the back parking lot so that teachers and students could see each other before the beginning of summer break. The whole staff showed up and stood next their parked cars as they had students and their families drive by. Approximately 600 popsicles were passed out during the event.

Megan Wilson, principal at Lorain Preparatory Academy, said "We decided there had to be some closure to the school year. Some culmination that wasn't just 'well, I guess school is done because we aren't doing work at home anymore.' So, we wanted to give the students and teachers closure of a big feat."

Ms. Wilson said the staff rose to the occasion to make the remote learning work and teachers went above and beyond in a lot of cases. She acknowledged that it was a challenge to make sure all students were doing the work they needed to and monitor that progress. She said, "It's been a challenge even to gauge what students may need. Some families have said that their students have finished all the work we gave them on the first day and they needed more. We have also had the opposite where students were overwhelmed, so it has been a lot of listening to people and trying to gauge what is the perfect mix."

"The staff missed the students a lot," she said. "That was a big challenge, too. We are in this for the kids. So, when the kids are not around, we have to come up with some different internal drive."

28 students have completed all requirements so far, and another 30 are expected to cross the finish line at graduation, surpassing last year's record-breaking graduating class of 44. Several of this year's graduates have already been accepted to various colleges, universities, and branches of the military, including one BRCPHS grad who has received a letter of interest from Cornell University!

Continuing to engage the Seniors is a fun weekly endeavor, as the Administrator, Crystal Garmon, hosts her "Zooming into Your Future" Zoom meetings. Ms. Garmon surprises the Seniors each week with a costume, in an attempt to bring some laughter to the families during this difficult time. The comradery of this unique Senior class has led to parents creating a "Adopt A Senior at Black River Career Prep" Facebook page. Local donations have already been made to support this group, including a local photographer who donated a free Senior picture photo shoot for all graduates, with 20 free prints!

The students and staff at BRCPHS cannot wait until they are able to be together again, but in the meantime, they are showing how they are staying committed during the most challenging of times!.

Updated Details on Educator Licensure and Student Well-being Supports

The Ohio Department of Education has posted a [Prevention Education and Student Well-being Supports](#) webpage. This page provides resources and assistance to educators as they create comprehensive prevention and intervention systems that support students' social-emotional and wellness needs during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

In addition, updated information has been posted since the Office of Educator Licensure began accepting applications for the one-year temporary license. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department has been granted authority (House Bill 197 of the 133rd General Assembly; Section 17(H)) to issue a one-time, one-year temporary license for the 2020-2021 school year to applicants who meet all other qualifications for licensure but have been unable to complete their required initial licensure examinations. [Learn more at the updated webpage here.](#)

2020 School SUCCESS Virtual Conference June 24-26, 2020

The SUCCESS (Schools Understanding Critical Components Empowering Student Success) Conference is for anyone who cares about the mental wellness of K-12 students. This conference will be hosted by Miami University.



Participants will attend live, real-time and interactive conference sessions via online WebEx Training platform. For more information and to register click [HERE](#)

Can Meetings Still Be Held Virtually?



Great Question!! According to HB 197: During the period of the emergency declared by Executive Order 2020-01D, issued on March 9, 2020, but not beyond December 1, 2020, if the period of the emergency continues beyond that date, members of a public body may hold and attend meetings and may conduct and attend hearings by means of teleconference, video conference, or any other similar electronic technology.

YES!! Governing Authorities may still hold meetings virtually until December 1, 2020 as long as the state of emergency declared by the Governor is not lifted.

A few things to remember:

1. Governing Authority Members who attend meetings or hearings by means of teleconference, video conference, or any other similar electronic technology, shall be considered present as if in person at the meeting or hearing, shall be permitted to vote, and shall be counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the meeting or hearing.
2. Notice of meetings and hearings held under this section must be provided to the public, to the

- media that have requested notification of a meeting, and to the parties required to be notified of a hearing, at least twenty-four hours in advance of the meeting or hearing by reasonable methods by which any person may determine the time, location, and the manner by which the meeting or hearing will be conducted.
3. The public must have access to a meeting held under this section in the same manner in which the meeting is being held. Example – if the meeting is held via zoom, the public must have access via zoom.
 4. The public must be able to observe and hear the discussions and deliberations of all the members, whether the member is participating in person or electronically.

A New Beginning in Federal Programs

Fiscal year 20 is almost over and fiscal year 21 is getting ready to open on July 1, 2020. This year schools either complete the One Plan Needs Assessment or the standard Needs Assessment found in CCIP in the Planning Tool. The Decision Framework is not active and not required. Schools should make note of the year noted on the Planning Tool page that indicates the year the school **must** complete the One Plan.



All schools that received allocations from Title I this year (FY20) are entitled to ESSER funds. If you do not intend to apply to use the ESSER funds for FY20, you should complete the application in CCIP at the same time as completing the consolidated application. Any school wanting to apply the ESSER funds for FY20 should complete the application as soon as possible and indicate that the funds are for FY20.

FY21 applications should be completed and approved by the Authorized Representative by July 1st to ensure a substantially approved date of July 1, 2020. Allocations should be the system mid-June. If you have questions about Federal Programs or navigating the CCIP site, please call Nannette Sherman at 740-607-9174.

PBIS Measure on School Report Cards

Ohio has rule, policy and legislation requiring districts to implement positive behavior intervention and supports (PBIS) on a system-wide basis. Beginning with the 2019 report card, state law required that district implementation of PBIS become a non-graded report card measure. The Ohio Department of Education has posted new resources about this non-graded PBIS report card measure. New resources are available on the Department's [Report Card Resources](#) and [Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports](#) webpages.



Please contact the Office of Integrated Student Supports with questions at PBISOhio@education.ohio.gov.



REMINDER from Ohio School Safety Center

Annual Emergency Management Plan Certification is due July 1. [Login](#) now to update your school's contact information and certify your plan is up-to-date. For a step-by-step guide on how to complete this requirement, click [HERE](#).

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