



BLACKSTONE VALLEY PREP

Preparing every scholar for success in college and the world beyond.

Chief Executive Officer Report

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Key Highlights:

- Since April, enrollment by learning modality is essentially unchanged. Families are largely completing the year as they so selected in April, with very limited modality movement. Note that at the HS level, because of the flexibility of the schedulings and the simultaneous hybrid approach, scholars are able to attend dynamically, so that number is directionally accurate but does not fully capture all students perfectly (for example, my own daughter is mostly virtual at the HS, but has attended a few times in person).

School	Status	% In-person	Change from April Report
ES1	Reopened Tuesday 1/19	66%	+ 1%
ES2	Reopened Tuesday 1/19	67%	
ES3	Reopened Tuesday 1/19	67%	
UES	Reopened Tuesday 2/23	68%	+ 2%
JHS	Reopened Tuesday 2/23	71%	+ 1%
HS	Reopened Tuesday 2/23	66%	+ 1%

- BVP continues to partner with RIDOH and RIDE to launch BinaxNOW on-site rapid COVID-19 testing: approximately 90% of our community has opted in to testing.

Total Tested	8228
Total Positives	17
Rate	0.21%

- [College Signing Day!](#)
- Graduation!

- Athletics!
 - BVPHS Junior Lucy Noris continues her excellence on the track with top finishes in a recent regional meet.
 - Baseball and Lacrosse (coop with PCD) are also having great experiences competing, both are likely landing in the playoffs.
 - Both Lucy Noris and Xavier Mendez were recently awarded Honorable Mention Rhode Island Interscholastic League Student Athlete of the Year.
- BVP Arts Productions:
 - **BVPHS: [12 Angry Jurors](#)**
 - **The ES3 Thespians** are proud to present their first ever VIRTUAL musical, The Show Must Go Online, opened this past Friday on YouTube at 6:00PM and streamed through the weekend.

Talent

- In response to the pandemic and in an effort to acknowledge the challenges of the year and to celebrate the commitment for staff members to return, BVP is planning to reallocate unused salary and benefits dollars into a return bonus for returning staff members. Other states (e.g. Florida) and local school programs (e.g. Children’s Friend) are doing four-figure bonuses for staff, and this program will help us honor excellent work and keep us competitive (Note: BVP teachers, on average, are paid slightly less than those in our sending districts and across Rhode Island).
- We continue to have a number of openings for the coming year and are actively processing applications for teaching positions and both some short-term and long-term administrative roles. Applications to schools at BVP (and around the region and the country are down).

Key Data

- **Current enrollment** is 2,115 (down from 2,116 at our last meeting and 2,118 in March). Recent withdrawals are related to moving out of state.
- **Projected enrollment** for this coming year is between 2,180 and 2,220, with the increase due to the Founding ES2 scholars growing into 10th grade and Founding ES3 scholar growing into 5th grade. We are still processing our “Intent to Return” data and following-up with families regarding their plans for the coming year. We do maintain a waiting list and do not anticipate enrollment challenges at this time.

- **Attendance:**

Year-to-Date

School	Attendance Percentage	On-Time Percentage	Chronically Absent Percentage
Elementary School 1	94.14 %	97.77 %	18.07 %
Elementary School 2	94.42 %	97.66 %	17.07 %
Elementary School 3	92.99 %	98.88 %	22.59 %
High School	93.28 %	95.42 %	22.87 %
Junior High School	94.65 %	94.34 %	17.18 %
Upper Elementary	94.87 %	97.28 %	16.43 %
zOut-of-District	100.00 %	100.00 %	0.00 %
District Total	94.13 %	96.94 %	18.77 %

- *Attendance has been strong overall, with slight changes from last month (94.13% vs. 94.24% last month; 18.77% Chronically absent vs. 18.95% last month).*
- We are projecting that our final graduation rate for the current class of seniors will be between 85% and 90%. While our first graduation ceremony was Saturday, June 12, we generally have a second much smaller graduation in August to honor those who are still completing credits. We officially have until mid-October for a child to count toward the graduation target for the year. This data is consistent with, albeit slightly lower than in years past.

Development

- We are actively pursuing some major investments for the BVPHS expansion, operating support for early elementary literacy, the College and Career Team, and for support of our DEI efforts.
- We continue to actively push support for the BVP Social Worker Fund and the BVP Book Scholarship Fund. This year we will give out more than \$3,000 in book awards and scholarships, including a \$1,000 award tied to the Drew Madden Award in Mathematics!

Media and Advocacy

- BVP is working locally with Achievement First and RISE Prep to continue to advocate for fair funding and investment of RI COVID dollars in support of schools.

Facility Updates

- We are currently engaged in a number of small capital projects to enhance the organization. In addition to IT infrastructure upgrades across the organization, we have a number of projects happening by campus.
- **Current portfolio:**
 - **291 Broad St. (ES1):** Wood chips for playground; repair/replace damaged flooring; fencing repairs; painting.
 - **52 Broad St. (ES2):** Sidewalk repairs, exterior stair installation, interior painting.
 - **3 Fairlawn Way (UES):** N/A
 - **909 Lonsdale Ave. (JHS):** Upgrade to water fountains to include filling stations. Investigating potential capital investments to support an estimated 50 additional scholars enrolling in a year and a half (the final wave of larger enrollment from ES3, currently in 5th grade)
 - **3357 Mendon Rd:** Fencing of the playground area; faucet upgrades in scholar restrooms
 - **65 Macondray Street (HS):** N/A
 - **7 Fatima Drive (Network Support Team):** N/A.
 - **Other:** We continue to pursue other real estate opportunities to best support our mission, within the budget constraints with which we are operating.