



BLACKSTONE VALLEY PREP

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

Chief Executive Officer Report

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Key Highlights:

- BVP has made significant progress toward replacing the food service contract that was terminated with Revolution Foods and will be discussed later in today's meeting.
- **Athletics:**
 - Congratulations to the BVPHS Swim Team on a great meet at States with Bryan Zapata getting two golds (200 IM, 100 Back), and Katie Chiappetta winning a gold and silver (200 Free, 100 Free). Both will be recognized as First Team All State in April!
- This year's BVP Spelling Bee Champion is Andres Puente, a 7th grader at BVP's Junior High School, finished 2nd in the state.
- College results continue to come in. As usual we are having some tremendous successes and heartbreak as well. Many schools, including the Ivy League and several other highly competitive schools are projected to announce at the end of the month and the beginning of April.

American International College
American Univ.
Anna Maria College
Assumption Univ.
Bates College
Binghamton Univ.
Boston Univ.
Bridgewater State Univ.
Bryant Univ.
Clark Univ.
Columbia Univ.
Community College of Rhode Island
Curry College
Dean College
Dickinson College
Eastern Nazarene College
Elon Univ.
Emerson College
Emmanuel College
Florida Gulf Coast Univ.
Framingham State Univ.
Hampshire College
Hawaii Pacific Univ.
Hobart William Smith Colleges

Husson Univ.
Johnson & Wales Univ.-Providence
Lawrence Technological Univ.
Lincoln Technical Institut
Louisiana State Univ.
Marist College
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy
and Health Sciences
Merrimack College
New England Institute of Technology
Northeastern Univ.
Pace Univ., NYC Campus
Penn State Univ.-Main Campus
Providence College
Quinnipiac Univ.
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Roger Williams Univ.
Sacred Heart Univ.
Salve Regina Univ.
Simmons Univ.
Stonehill College

Suffolk Univ.
SUNY at Albany
SUNY Cortland
The Univ. of Tampa
Thomas College
Univ. at Buffalo
Univ. of Connecticut
Univ. of Maryland-Baltimore
Univ. of Massachusetts-Amherst
Univ. of Massachusetts-Boston
Univ. of Massachusetts-Dartmouth
Univ. of Massachusetts-Lowell
Univ. of Michigan-Ann Arbor
Univ. of New England
Univ. of Notre Dame
Univ. of Rhode Island
Univ. of Saint Joseph
Univ. of Vermont
Villanova Univ.
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Wesleyan Univ.
Wheaton College - Massachusetts
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Talent

- We continue to forecast an incredibly challenging staffing year for BVP, and we continue to be understaffed on the teacher side for the remainder of this school year. We are looking to increase our pay scale, offer return and stay incentives, and other creative ways to attract and retain talent.

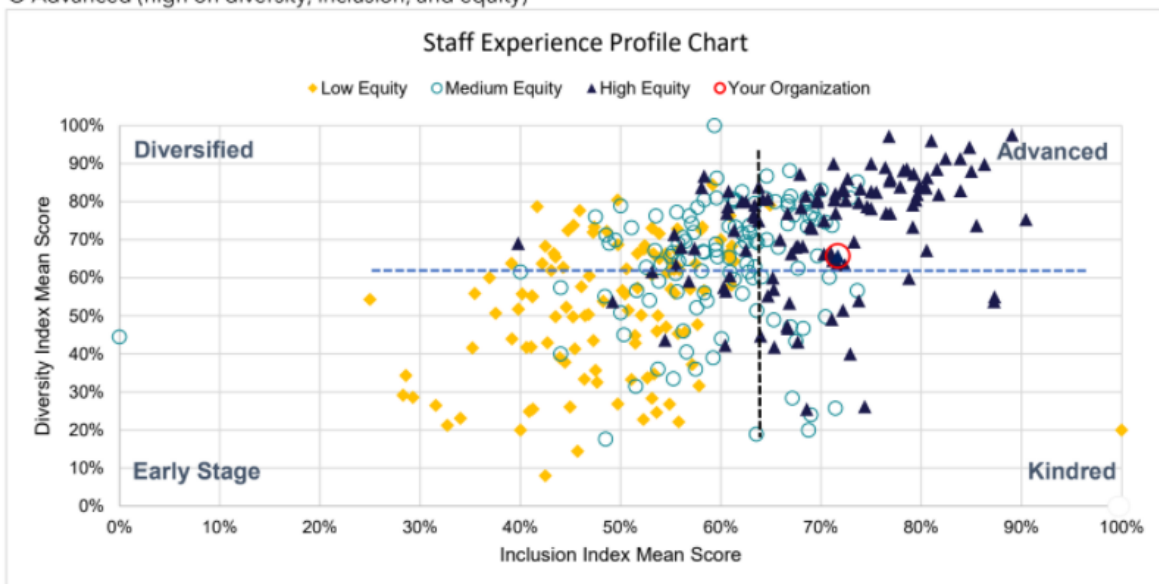
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

- The Promise54 staff survey has concluded with almost all staff participating in the project.
 - Overall, BVP was considered to be in the “Advanced” Quadrant, and there are several key areas of focus to ensure that all of our schools move to and remain in that area.

Four Organizational Profile Clusters

Utilizing the data from the Staff Experience survey, we defined four basic organizational profiles based on clusters of organizations with similar diversity, inclusion, and equity scores. The following chart shows the distribution of all surveyed organizations in these quadrants:

- **Early Stage** (limited diversity and low on equity and inclusion)
- **Diversified** (high levels of diversity but low equity and inclusion)
- **Kindred** (equitable and inclusive but not diverse)
- **Advanced** (high on diversity, inclusion, and equity)



A diversity committee meeting of the board will be scheduled to review all of the data more comprehensively.

Key Data

- **Current enrollment** (3/17/22) is 2,195 which is up 10 from our last meeting and just below the range of where we targeted for the year (2,200).
- **Attendance:** Scholar attendance continues to be of significant concern for BVP, though concerns are dropping.

School	Attendance	Chronic
ES1	88.9%	48.8%
ES2	91%	33%
ES3	89.6%	41%
UES	90.3%	39.4%
JHS	90.3%	40.7%
HS	90.6%	33.3%
Network	90.2%	38.9%

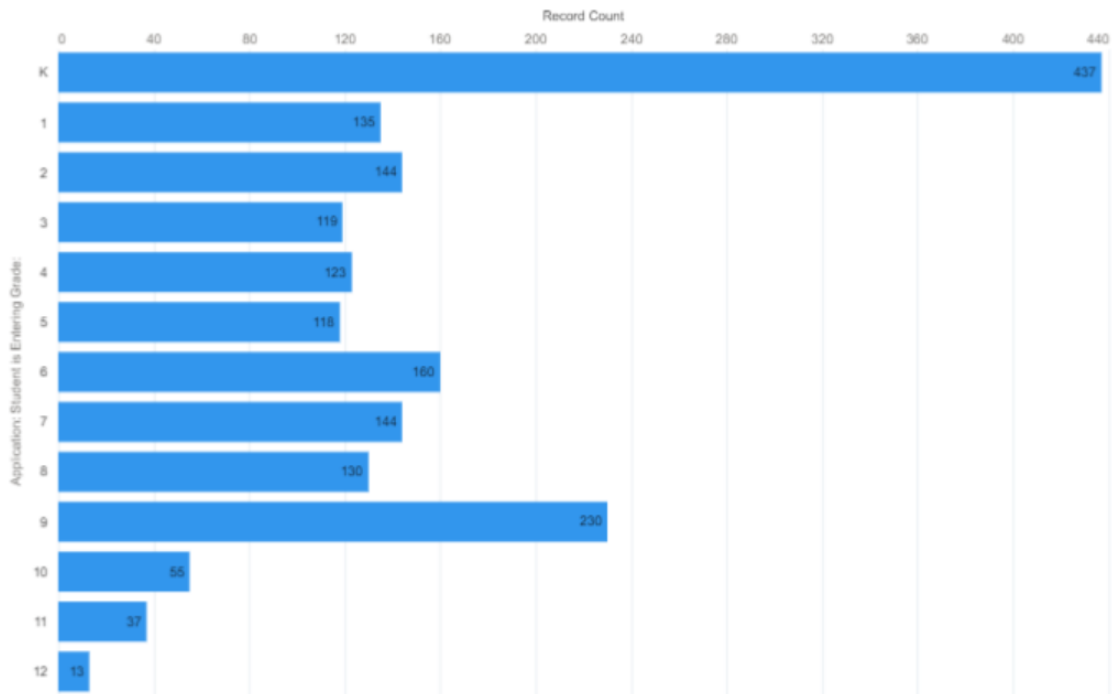
Through 3/16/22

Attendance is improving. Overall year-to-date attendance is slightly improved from our last meeting (89.9% to 90.2%), and last month did see our highest attendance of the year including multiple days with all six schools averaging above 95%.

Within all of this data, there remain only a handful of scholars and families with whom we have legitimate and sustained concerns regarding attendance at BVP, likely leading to a small but important number of potential truancy cases.

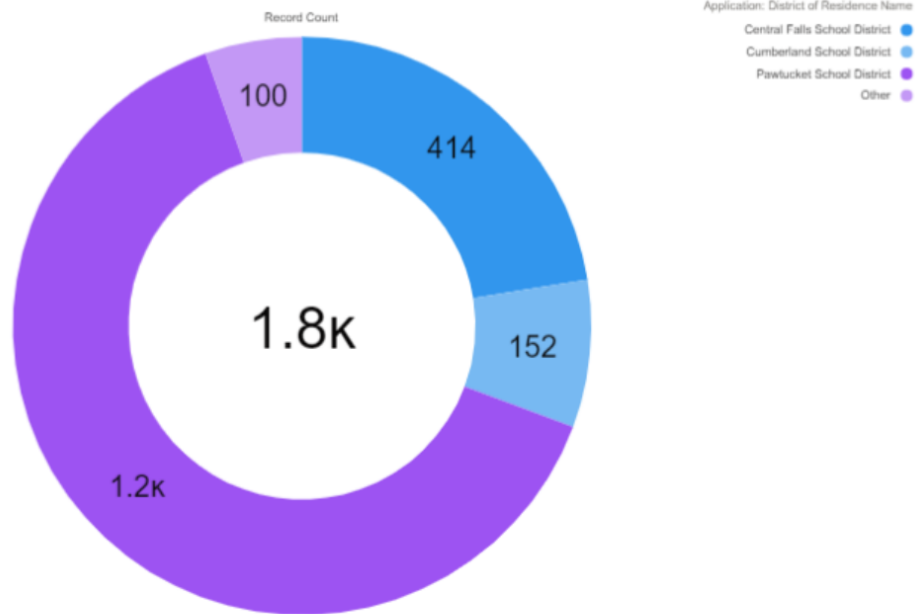
Enrollment Applications:

Applicants to My School
Displayed by Applicant's Grade



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Applicants by District of Residence



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Development

- Bristol County Savings has awarded one deserving BVPHS scholar a \$1,000 scholarship.
- Several applications will be submitted to various foundations later this month.

Media and Advocacy

- Other than several articles celebrating the aforementioned athletics successes, there are no significant media reports to share.
- We continue to highlight news, exciting advancements, and staff voices on our blog. Most recently:
 - [*UES Holds First-Ever Band Practice*](#)
 - [*Central Falls Women's Day: Empowering Young Leaders*](#)
 - [*Free-doom?*](#)
- BVP continues to monitor legislation at the state and federal level that would potentially impact our ability to successfully execute our mission. We are currently tracking several bills (positive and negative) in Rhode Island, and we are partnered with KIPP and other charter school networks across the country to advocate for federal support of high-quality public education.

Facility Updates

- BVP ES3 has had multiple major plumbing issues this year. Last month our partners at Peregrine Property Management (PPM) were able to fully identify the challenge and it was determined to be the responsibility of the church to repair. Repairs were done earlier this month and we believe that there should be no issues going forward.
- BVP ES2 has changed its dismissal protocol in an effort to streamline the process and improve traffic flow by moving all staff parking to remote lots and creating a double line of cars within the parking lot in a continued effort to get more cars off of the surrounding streets and into BVP's property. Early reports are positive, though construction on Broad Street continues to be a challenge, with RIDOT scheduled to resume its storm drainage work on 3/21/22. RIDOT has yet to confirm if it is still committed to completing daily work prior to 3:00 PM each day and BVP staff is trying to confirm this before work resumes. RIDOT has indicated that it would help with any needed flagging and as a result BVP ES2 is not anticipating the need for Cumberland Police details that were utilized over the past week for NGrid underground work.
- BVP continues to work with the RIDE facilities team regarding our comprehensive Stage II application, hosting a facilities tour of all of our buildings this month on 3/24/22.
- BVP continues to work with the Town of Cumberland regarding our planned expansion of the BVPHS, including a presentation to the Conservation

Commission earlier this month and an upcoming Master Plan hearing with the Town Planning Board. We are working with National Grid to ensure gas shutoff as a necessary hurdle to clear the newly acquired lot of the existing buildings.