

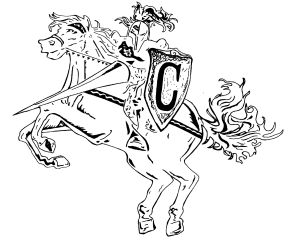


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Superintendent's 2023 Budget Message Staying the Course to Ensure Student Success

Chariho is a district that remains focused on achieving the goals that we have set in our District Strategic Plan, Vision 2023. While the pandemic continues to create challenges, we remain committed to these ambitious goals to guarantee our schools continue on a path of success. We have three Blue Ribbon Elementary Schools. Three of our elementary schools are ranked by US News in the top ten elementary schools in the state, while our Middle School is ranked in the top twenty-five Middle Schools and our High School is ranked in the top ten. Most of our schools are ranked at the 4-STAR or 5-STAR status on the RI Department of Education report cards. In addition, we are staying the course to ensure we meet the requirements put forward in the state legislation regarding curriculum, student services and the Right to Read Act, as we prepare this year's budget. This is all occurring in an environment where we are also receiving Federal funds (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund-ESSER) to support the areas of need, to ensure we have educational opportunities that provide students with the supports and services they need while accelerating their learning. Our District is committed to working tirelessly to keep the quality of instruction, professional learning and services to our families as a top priority.

I am confident that the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget continues to move us closer to realizing our goals in our strategic plan. Prior to your receipt of this budget, I've already made reductions totaling \$258,451 from that which was requested.

Highlights of the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget include, but are not limited to:

- Creating student service structures that build upon our current work
- State legislation and mandate requirements
- Career and Technical Center (CTC) grant money continues to be reduced in Perkins and Categorical therefore more of the operating budget is being absorbed in order to maintain CTC programming that is high quality.
- Updating infrastructure to ensure efficiencies and improved communication and safety measures
- Capital improvements
- The Fund Balance has been reduced to 2.25%

The Chariho team and I look forward to providing you with the information that you need to approve and adopt a responsible Fiscal Year 2023 Budget.

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