



Chariho Regional School District

June 2023
E-Update

Vision 2026



We want to thank our entire team for all of their efforts to collaborate to ensure we developed a Strategic Plan that serves the needs of our students. Vision 2026 was presented on May 23rd to the School Committee. While the plan is important, we felt it was also important to show what it looks like in action. We have all heard the words actions speak louder than words, we hope as you watch this brief video you will get a glimpse of the dedication of our faculty and staff who work tirelessly to make student success a reality.

[Click here](#) to view the video.

[Click here](#) to view the District Strategic Plan

Looking for a great Healthy Snack! Look no further than these AMAZING Energy Bites some of our students have tried! [Click here](#) for the recipe.

News Worth Knowing...

[Click here](#) to view Chariho's '23-'24 School Calendar





Chariho Reads

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As our elementary school buildings in Chariho age, our district faces the challenge of determining the best next steps. The School Committee is organizing an opportunity for community members to review our school buildings. Through scheduled Facility Walks, the School Committee welcomes feedback on how community members would like to see the Committee proceed, as it relates to capital improvements.

The district is required by law to implement a 5-year capital improvement plan. That plan focuses on general maintenance, health and safety and will cost approximately \$25,000,000 over the next five years. The capital improvement plan was presented during the school budget workshops as well as during the school committee meeting on April 25, 2023.

The Committee is gathering information to determine if they should explore additional options, such as renovations, new buildings, or focusing specifically on a health and safety plan for each school.

When maintaining a school, we pay not only for bricks and mortar, but also student and staff well-being. Effective school maintenance protects capital investments, ensures the health and safety of our children, and supports educational performance.

Because we know that routine and unexpected maintenance demands are bound to arise, we must proactively develop and implement a plan for dealing with these inevitabilities. Thus, our capital improvement plan must meet the challenges of effective facilities maintenance. Our infrastructure impacts teaching and learning, student and staff health, day-to-day building operations, and the long-range fiscal outlook of the district.

The current age of our Elementary Schools:

Ashaway Elementary School: 56 years (1967 with addition in 1970 and portable)

Charlestown Elementary School: 73 years (with additions in 1960 and 1970)

Hope Valley Elementary School: 88 years (1955 addition and portable)

Richmond Elementary School: 88 years (additions in 1967, 1980, and 1985)

Below are the following dates and times that we welcome you to stop in and take a walk to view the school facilities. After you have had an opportunity to walk the building, we will ask you to take a quick survey.

Hope Valley Elementary School	Monday, June 5th from 4:30-6:00 PM
Ashaway Elementary School	Wednesday, June 14th from 4:30-6:00 PM
Richmond Elementary School	Thursday, June 15th from 4:30-6 :00 PM
Charlestown Elementary School	Monday, June 19th from 4:30-6:00 PM

More News Worth Knowing...

Reminder to Register for Bus Transportation for SY 23-24



All families who need transportation for the Fall will need to log into their PowerSchool account before July 1st.

You must register each child who needs transportation in order to secure a seat on the bus.

The Transportation Request eForm opened to families on May 1, 2023.

The form is called: Transportation Request Form 2023-2024

•Parent/Guardians log into their Parent PowerSchool account:
<https://ps.chariho.k12.ri.us/public>

•Select Forms

•Select Transportation Request Form 2023-2024

•Complete and Submit

•Please note the form can only be submitted one time. If any changes need to be made you will need to contact your child's school.

If parents have difficulty accessing their Parent PowerSchool accounts or creating an account, please reach out to the school.



**Kindergarten &
Pre-Kindergarten Registration is
Open!**

Click [here](#) for more information.



Recognitions



Erin von Housen finished 1st in the 2,000 Steeplechase in the New York Relays with a time of 7: 10.93 which qualifies her for the Nationals in June. **Jared Peltier** finished in 9th place in the Boys' Invitational in the New York Relays with a time of 7:05.28. As both athletes were the first Chariho competitors at this race, their times have set a school record.

Chaia Elwell scored her 100th goal in High School Girls' Lacrosse and was named The Westerly Sun's Athlete of the Week for the week ending April 22, 2023.

High School sophomore **Brandon Thorpe's** artwork 'Reverence' was chosen as one of two Senator Reed Staff Picks in the 2023 High School Art Competition.

Weeko Thompson won the discus and was second in the shot put at the High School Girls' Track and Field Southern Division Championship.

Eli Sposato placed 1st in the 400 (improving his own school record) and **Ian Clark** placed 1st in the 200 and 2nd in the 100 at the High School Boys' Track and Field Southern Division Championship.

Erin von Housen finished 1st in the 3,000 at the Mariner Invitational Girls' Track and Field Meet (she improved her own school record with a time of 10:23.53 winning the race by almost 23 seconds) and she took 1st place in the 800 at the Class B Meet last Sunday.

Brooke Kanaczet topped the field in the 1,500 at the Mariner Invitational Girls' Track and Field Meet with a time of 4:51.10.

High School Junior **Macey MacLeod** received the 2023 Young Leaders Award from RI General Treasurer James Diossa.

Postseason Awards: High School Girls' Basketball – **Keira Frias** (2nd Team All-Class, 1st Team Division II-A); **Jules White** (3rd Team All-Class, 1st Team Division II-A); **Emily Ballard** (2nd Team Division II-A); **Brianna DeGiacomo** (2nd Team Division II-A); **Tori Babineau** (3rd Team Division II-A).

Trey Lazauskas received top honors in a state-level competition at the Providence Career and Technical Academy, was the only Rhode Island applicant to qualify for Project MFG, a highly competitive nationwide challenge issued through the US Department of Defense and is the 2023 RI SkillsUSA State Competition Winner (Gold Medal in Welding). Trey is considered to be one of the top high school welders in the country.

2023 SkillsUSA State Competition Winners:

GOLD: **Brooklyn Vacca** (Action Skills); **Noah Dinucci** (Carpentry); **Ella Murphy** (Commercial Baking); **Alanna Healy, Cameron Petrangelo, Julianna Gerjes and Emily DeRita** (Health Knowledge Bowl); **Kelly Bentzel, Alyssa Murray and Mykal Yeskewicz** (Crime Scene Investigation); **Jacob Simone** (Information Services Technology). SILVER: **Audrey Dolahan, Abigail O'Brien and Shea Smith** (Crime Scene Investigation); **Catherine Pilkington** (Criminal Justice); **Cheyenne Knipe and Allyson McDonough** (Esthetics). BRONZE: **Trevor Crowley** (Criminal Justice); **Jesse Brunelle** (Industrial Motor Control); **Alex Ilgenfritz** (Marine Service Technology); **Brett Mowry** (Automotive Service Technology); **Erin von Housen** (Architectural Drafting); **Grace Marcotte** (Welding Sculpture). The students who earned Gold medals are eligible to compete in the National Competition in Georgia the end of June.

Class of 2023 Valedictorian **Alanna Healy** and Salutatorian **Abigayle Fadgen**.

Rhode Island FFA 75th State Convention Winners: **Anita Brown** (3rd Place Employment Skills); **Amber Daniels** (3rd Place Agricultural Demonstration and 2023-2024 RI FFA Secretary); **Charlotte Kona** (2nd Place Illustrated Talk); **Russell Mack** (State FFA Degree Award); **Arianna Collet** (1st place Prepared Public Speaking and 2023-2024 RI FFA Vice President). Arianna will travel to the National Competition this fall in Indianapolis.



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We are hiring

Join the Chariho Team

Spread the word regarding our available positions. Please [click here](#) for all current job postings.

Important Dates

Friday, June 9th

Graduation, 7:00pm, URI Ryan Center

Tuesday, June 13th

School Committee Meeting, 7:00pm, CHS library

Tuesday, June 20th

Last Day of School

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