

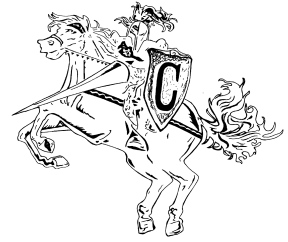


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ALL KIDS. ALL OF THE TIME.



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Superintendent's 2025 Budget Message Realizing Vision 2026

This year, we are implementing our newly approved District Strategic Plan Vision 2026, which ensures we continue on a path of success. Our plan focuses on continuing to offer our students a high-quality and rigorous public education. We remain committed to building a budget that meets all our student's needs, including an exciting opportunity to upgrade our elementary school buildings while remaining fiscally responsible to Chariho taxpayers, creating an efficient and prudent master plan that addresses the facility needs of our aging elementary schools.

We have utilized all of our grant funding, including the sunseting Federal dollars provided through ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund) funds, to ensure we meet the requirements in the state legislation regarding curriculum, student services, and the Right to Read Act without burdening the local taxpayers. Our budget ensures that we have educational opportunities that provide students with the support and services they need while accelerating their learning. Our District is tirelessly working to prioritize quality instruction, professional learning, and services to our families.

We are proud to note that:

- Our current State data shows that we are showing growth in English Language Arts and Mathematics at all of our schools and outperforming Massachusetts schools and the RI state-level proficiency data.
- We have three Blue Ribbon Elementary Schools.
- Three of our elementary schools are in the state's top ten as it relates to state proficiency data.
- The Chariho Regional High School is ranked 7th among all RI high schools.
- The Chariho Regional Middle School ranks twenty-fifth among RI's middle schools.

Highlights of the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget include, but are not limited to:

- Continuing student service structures that support Vision 2026
- Ensuring access to opportunities that will accelerate learning and close achievement gaps
- Updating infrastructure to ensure efficiencies and improved communication and safety measures
- Continuing capital improvement projects that are focused on 21st-century learning and health and safety upgrades

Before your receipt of this budget, I've already made reductions totaling over \$1.2 million from what was internally requested.

The Chariho Administrative team and I look forward to providing the information you need to approve and adopt a Fiscal Year 2025 budget that maintains the quality of education we have provided for all our students.

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