With the use of federal funds, we have developed and the School Committee has approved a student mentoring program. We will be ready to implement this month. If you have an interest in being a mentor, please send an email to me at barry.ricci@chariho.k12.ri.us. Additional information is here: https://www.chariho.k12.ri.us/parent_resources/chariho_mentoring_program. CHILL=Charged to Inspire Learners to become Leaders.

Partnering with the Sandy Hook Foundation, we will implement the Say Something Anonymous Reporting System. Details will be shared with students, parents/guardians, and staff this fall. Our GO LIVE date is tentatively scheduled for November 4th. I am aware of at least three instances where pictures of our high school students have been solicited on social media. We are working with local police on this. If you are aware of this type of activity, please contact your local police department.

Commissioner of Education Angélica Infante-Green has issued an invitation to all who care about good schools to increase their level of engagement. New opportunities are identified here.

As I write, we continue to have a few difficult-to-fill positions available, namely school psychologist, and part-time licensed electrician. If you are qualified, certified/licensed and interested, apply here. The School Committee has formed a Facilities Subcommittee to study current school construction incentives and to report back by May 1, 2020 with a recommendation. The Subcommittee will conduct their deliberations during advertised public meetings. If you are reading this, please don’t jump to any conclusions. The School Committee certainly has a responsibility to do its due diligence regarding what may be a once-only opportunity to take advantage of these financial incentives.

If you haven’t heard the news, Ashaway Elementary School has been named a 2019 Blue Ribbon School by the US Dept. of Education. What a tribute to this outstanding and passionate school community! Way to go! Take care.
More News Worth Knowing...

We would like to be able to offer every junior or senior in good academic standing either a paid or unpaid internship. If you are a business owner or the head of an agency and are interested in offering internships to Chariho juniors and seniors, please contact Director Gerry Auth at Gerald.Auth@chariho.k12.ri.us.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the first step students must take to get free grants, scholarships, and financial aid for college. Yet, every year, available dollars are left on the table because the FAFSA is not completed. Information is available from a school counselor or visit https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa.

A FREE SafeStop bus tracking app is available to parents and students. It is available at SafeStopapp.com. Speaking of buses, at its next meeting, the School Committee will discuss the worrisome issue of drivers that pass buses, even with flashing red lights on. Here’s the law.

On a student’s 18th birthday, all of the rights of the parent are automatically transferred to the student, including the right to access school records. This upsets many parents and guardians, who may provide the High School principal with income tax returns showing the student as a dependent. This will prevent the automatic transfer of rights to the student.

All official announcements from the District are made on the official @CharihoRegional Twitter account. Please follow me. This is the only official Chariho Twitter account.

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**IMPORTANT OCTOBER DATES!**

- October 14 - COLUMBUS DAY - No School
- October 17 – Early Release Day
- October 18 - Elementary Progress Reports

The complete 2019-2020 calendar is available here.

**THANK YOU!**

Michael & Shannon St. Louis
Donation of Six Backpacks Filled with School Supplies for Middle and High School Students

Anonymous Donor
Donation of $150 to School Store at Chariho Alternative Learning Academy

Chariho Youth Task Force
Donation of NARCAN for Use by Elementary School Nurse Teachers

Progeny Systems
Donation of Binders, Hanging Files, White-Out Tape

Murat Dymov
Donation of Two Auto Racing Helmets to Automotive Program

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Simon Manlove
National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalist (top 16,000 students in USA)

Claire Knez
National Merit scholarship-Commended (top 50,000 students in USA)

Tami Neill
2019 Teacher of the Year

Ellen Hoxie
2019 Educational Professional of the Year

Barbara Browning & Deb Zonfrilli
Employees of the Month

Dan Potts
Hope Valley Grange Teacher of the Year

Bryan Lucas
CS4RI RI Computer Science Education Leader Award