

TABLE OF CONTENTS

- Comprehensive Programs for Elementary Students . . . 2
- Compassionate Students . . . 3
- Graduation Requirements 4-5
- Introducing Wisconsin Connect Charter School . . . 6
- Burlington Demons 7
- Graduating Career Ready . . . 8
- Demon News Fall 2022 . . . 9
- Tony Romo Field Dedicated 10
- Operating Referendum . . . 11
- Fall Photos 12

BASD Expands STEM

K-12 students of today prepare for the careers of tomorrow.

BASD students at all grade levels show a lot of interest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) activities. STEM curriculum gives students the opportunity to apply basic math and reading skills to cool hands-on projects.

For example, in the fall Nicolle Dexter’s 7th-grade STEM students learned about series circuits. The Karcher Middle School students wrote quiz questions and wired quiz boards to light up when students answered the questions correctly.

A \$180,000 grant from Ardagh Group has helped BASD advance its STEM-education offerings. Ardagh Group is a global metal and glass manufacturer with a plant in Burlington.

The grant funds are being used to purchase equipment and train teachers in Project Lead the Way modules. A handful of teachers at the elementary, middle, and high school levels have been learning how to introduce STEM topics in the classroom.

Students have already been engaged in learning how to build catapults, candy grippers, a mini-golf course, and more. An added benefit is how students learn to work as a team with a deadline and a budget—all “real-world” skills.

Dexter said, “Project Lead the Way is dedicated to having students solve real-world problems, integrate math, data analysis, and science principles into all engineering challenges, and use technology in powerful ways to complete and present projects.”

Ardagh has invited students to tour the plant to see the manufacturing process in person. BASD appreciates Ardagh’s investment in students and looks forward to seeing its STEM offerings expand.



basd.k12.wi.us



facebook.com/BurlingtonAreaSchoolDistrict



instagram.com/bhs_demons

Comprehensive Programs for Elementary Students

New Full-Day 4K Option

To better serve the needs of our 4K families, BASD started offering a full-day 4K option this year and 76% of 4K families chose full-day 4K. Half-day students will attend 4K in the morning to receive the core instruction. Full-day students stay for lunch, a rest time, enrichment activities (such as music and art), and more play-based learning. **Enroll in 2023-2024 4K today.**



“We chose the full day 4K option for Charli after much deliberation on what was best for her. The full day option was much more accommodating to our work schedules, but what we really liked was that it offered further socialization with her classmates. The longer days have allowed her to come out of her shell a bit more and feel more comfortable in her surroundings. Her teachers and support staff are so kind and caring. She loves coming home and sharing the fun she has with her friends.”

Parent Endorsement

Expanded Before & After School Care

Burlington families have asked for more childcare options. BASD elementary schools started offering before-school care beginning at 6 a.m. and after-school care until 6 p.m. for BASD students.

The program is for students in 4K–grade 5. This builds upon the success of the extended care program offered at Dyer Elementary last year. Find more information on the web: www.basd.k12.wi.us/schools/extended-care.cfm

5 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Cooper Elementary opened in 1968 to serve students in the city of Burlington. Starting in Fall 2023, Cooper will be the home of the district’s Montessori program. Cooper has a Play On! Playground designed with youth fitness in mind.

Dyer Elementary offers traditional (4K–grade 5). It is the largest elementary school in the district. Dyer also has a Play On! Playground.

Lyons Center Elementary is located on 7.2 acres in the heart of Lyons, Wisconsin in Walworth County. Being adjacent to Riverview Park gives Lyons students room to learn outdoors.

Winkler Elementary serves 4K–5 students in the Bohners Lake area on a 10-acre property. Winkler is the newest elementary school building.

Waller Elementary sits on a spacious property and accommodates two sections of 4K–grade 5 students.



Many Karcher Middle School students participate in an Outdoor Skills Club. In September, Brandon Smith, Conservation Warden from the Department of Natural Resources joined students fishing on the Fox River.



Karcher Middle School 7th grade raised the most funds to send veterans on honor flights.

Compassionate Students

In early October, Karcher Middle School Social Studies teacher, Katherine Botsford accompanied her dad on a Stars and Stripes Honor Flight.

Before the trip, 7th grade students wrote cards to be handed out during "Mail Call" on the flight home. This led Karcher's "Compassionate Crew" to want to sponsor veterans to go on a Honor Flight, a cost of \$500 per veteran.

They set a goal to ask each grade level to raise \$500 through an effort they called "Cash for a Cause."

Over two weeks, students brought in money. On Veterans Day, they announced the grand total at \$7,716.26 raised—significantly exceeding the original goal! The funds will send 15 veterans to Washington D.C. to see the memorials honoring their service in World War II and the Vietnam and Korean Wars.

It's not just about the funds raised, it is about how the students demonstrated generosity in ways that surprised staff including Andrea Hancock, the Compassionate Crew advisor. Students donated money they earned doing jobs, wrote letters to relatives, and even sold handmade earrings to raise funds.

Students Participate in VFW Contest

Students in Honors Speech at Burlington High School recently answered "Why is the Veteran Important?" for the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Voice of Democracy contest.

Michael Egner, the Youth Programs Coordinator for VFW Post 2823, recognized the work of the 48 students who made audio submissions. At the post level, Lily Boyle placed first.

Boyle will present her speech at the VFW banquet in April. Also invited to the banquet are Kade Boyd and Ellie Pieters who placed in the top three. These competitors will



Top three local winners pose with Michael Egner from the VFW.

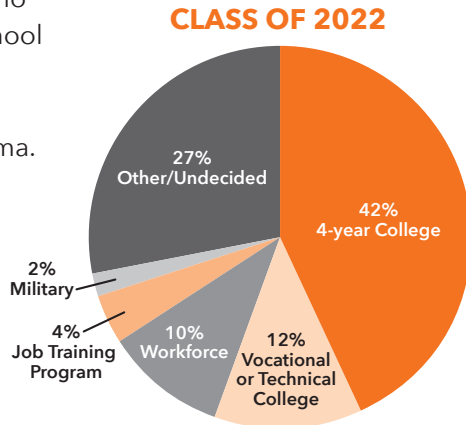
advance to the district level with a chance of advancing to represent Wisconsin in the national contest. The national winner receives a \$30,000 scholarship award.

Makayla Boarini, Fabian Jimenez, Savannah Leonard, Jaden Matsche, and Addison Thomas received honorable mention awards. All challengers receive a certificate from Egner on behalf of the VFW.

BHS English teacher Matt Nie has invited Egner to introduce the Voice of Democracy contest to his class for the past seven years.

Graduation Requirements

Community members who graduated from high school awhile ago may wonder what BHS requires of its students to earn a diploma. BHS students need a minimum of 23 credits, an academic & career plan, 40 service-learning hours, and a civics test.



23 Credits Required:

- English: 4
- Math: 3
- Health: .5
- Financial Literacy: .5
- Electives: 7
- Social Studies: 3
- Science: 3
- Wellness: 1.5
- Freshmen Connections .5

COMPREHENSIVE OFFERINGS

- ✓ 21 Athletic Teams
- ✓ 37 Clubs and Activities
- ✓ 250 students received 3+ score on AP exams
- ✓ 160-acre Burlington School Forest
- ✓ Greenhouse
- ✓ On the same campus as Gateway Technical College



Fox River Consortium students learned about Wisconsin Native Plants.

In partnership with Waterford Union High School, BHS provides the Fox River Consortium and the Project Active Citizen (PAC) House. Fox River Consortium provides specially trained educators who use personalized instruction to engage students recommended for the program by a school counselor. The PAC House is an age 18 and beyond program for students with special needs. Students meet in a residential home to develop life and career skills.



Project Active Citizen went to the Racine Zoo as one of their community-based educational experiences.



Class of 2022 students returned to their elementary schools one more time before graduating.

DUAL CREDIT COURSES

During the 2021-2022 school year, BHS students earned a total of **2,120** college credits while attending BHS.

- **Transcripted Courses (1527 Credits)**
537 students enrolled in 23 Gateway courses taught at BHS
- **Start College Now/Early College Credit Program (177 credits)**
31 students registered in 72 courses at nine different colleges
- **Partners in Education (93 credits)**
31 students benefited from this partnership with UW-Whitewater
- **Cooperative Academic Partnership Program (153 credits)**
51 students benefited from this partnership with UW-Oshkosh
- **Parkside Access to College Credit (PACC)**
A NEW partnership with UW-Parkside starting in the 22-23 school year!
- **Advanced Placement**
448 students enrolled in AP courses and 250 students received a score of 3+



BHS's WBSD FM 89.1

is one of only two schools in Wisconsin with a fully operating radio station that broadcasts on the radio and online. Students have staffed the station for nearly 50 years.

BHS Offers Career Pathways

BHS offers individual pathways to meet the career goals of every student.

Special Certifications

Over the past few years, BHS has enhanced its opportunities for students to receive hands-on experience while attending high school.

Special Programs include:

- Architecture, Construction, Engineering (ACE) Academy
- Emergency Medical Technicians
- Certified Nursing Assistants
- School-to-Work: students receive work-based learning and coursework
- Youth Apprenticeship: Juniors and Seniors gain employment experience in specific career areas
- STEM Certificate: Rigorous coursework with lessons in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math

Students can also graduate with a multitude of certificates from BHS such as

- CompTIA A+ for Information Technology
- Microsoft Office Specialist
- SawBlade Certification for woodworking
- Ford Tech Automotive Career Exploration Program
- And more!

“Veterans Terrace is so proud of the relationship that we have with BASD. It means the world that the kids would use their valuable class time to build something that will benefit our brides, grooms, and guests.”

Beth Reetz, General Manager, Veterans Terrace



BHS ACE Academy students pose in front of new outdoor rolling screens they designed and constructed for Veterans Terrace under the leadership of their teacher, Jeremy Fitch.

Introducing Wisconsin Connect Charter School



BASD launched Wisconsin Connect (WisCo)—a virtual

learning program to replace its previous online learning platforms. After one semester, the district is ready to grow the virtual learning opportunities available to students in grades 4K-12.

In 2023, the district established the Wisconsin Connect Charter School. Having a charter school will allow students to open enroll in BASD's virtual learning programs. In the fall, WisCo will begin a book-based program, too.

Currently, 39 students participate in BASD's online learning platform. VLN Partners LLC offers a comprehensive catalog of classes for students who need full-time virtual or a hybrid of both in-person and virtual learning.

A charter school will allow BASD to be innovative in exploring new ways to provide virtual learning. A governance



A book-based virtual school will be available in Fall 2023.

board oversees the charter school and makes recommendations to the school board for its approval.

For information about Wisconsin Connect, please contact Mandy Adams by email at wisco@basd.k12.wi.us or by phone at 262-763-0210.

SUPPORTING THE WHOLE STUDENT

After seeing a need among middle school students, Karcher Middle School started the Karcher Kupboard.



The Karcher Kupboard provides essentials students need, but may not have at home (hygiene supplies, winter clothing, food). Students inform student services of a need and can anonymously select the items. The items have been donated by community members, businesses and organizations. Building off the success at Karcher, Burlington High School opened a Demon Closet to serve the same purpose at the high school level.



LIBRARY PROGRAMS

BASD Libraries offer a wide variety of media resources to support students' learning. Students use libraries for research, access to databases, as maker spaces for STEM learning, to use technology, and so much more.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

A 6-12 Book Discussion Committee, comprised of parents and district librarians, has been meeting to discuss what books students can access in the district's libraries. The committee will make recommendations to the school board related to updating the policy and permission procedures.

The Mighty Demons

BASD wants its visual identity to be synonymous with a quality educational experience and Burlington's compassion, commitment, and comprehensive offerings.

BASD recently updated its visual brand to designate an official BASD orange, font, and district logo.

A 10-member Brand Advisory Group with representation from various constituent groups (students, parents, teachers, staff, alumni, school board, and the community) worked with Donovan Group, a Milwaukee-based school communications firm. Through a series of four meetings, they evaluated the current brand, gathered feedback through a student focus group and a community survey, and gave direction on what updates were needed.



DEMON HISTORY

From 1907 until 1939, Burlington High School was known as the "Orange and Black." Student Bob Fricken and other student reporters for the Burlington Crier thought "Orange and Black" was meaningless. Fricken thought orange and black and typed "Demons." This quickly caught on among the students. Many see the Demon as a symbol of the students **who possess the drive and spirit to excel.**

Teaching Professionals

As BASD's K-8 certified staff got to know each other during an Inservice in October, they discovered the amount of collective experience they have:

- They have **1,903 years** working in education
- They have worked in **454 different schools**
- They have earned **296 degrees and certifications.**

BASD is grateful for the professionalism of its teaching staff.



✓ **OUT BASD'S EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES!**



Graduating Career Ready

Lynch Dealership, Lynch Truck Center, and LDV, Inc. invited students for a visit to learn about all of the career opportunities available in their hometown.



The experience helped students connect the skills that they are learning at BHS to the job skills in demand.

Students were surprised at how big the facilities were and how many different jobs exist. And, many learned for the first time that about half of the nation's mobile command centers are built in their hometown.

Ayden Riemer, a junior at BHS who has already earned several auto-related certifications, said, "The things that impressed me and also my classmates were the police vehicles that they [LDV] were working on. They were so complicated and interesting. You would have never thought that they would be making these vehicles."

Among the hosts were Tyson Fettes, Marketing Director for the Lynch Family of Dealerships and LDV's President Kurt Petrie, both Burlington High School graduates. They took the time to show students how a willingness to work hard and be a lifelong learner can lead to a successful career.



In addition to providing \$180,000 in grant funds to support STEM education, Ardagh Group has welcomed students to tour the plant to learn more about the glass manufacturer.



13,430 HOURS = SERVICE HOURS
earned by Class of 2022
(7 students earned >220 hours)



BHS's DRIVEN collected \$2,648.67 while bell ringing in December.



Cooper Elementary's Student Leadership Team raised money to purchase toys for Love, Inc.'s Adopt a Family program.



BHS students assembled blankets for Lakeland Animal Shelter.

Chosen for State Conference Performance

The Wisconsin Music Educators Association Conference selected Burlington High School's Treble Barbershop Choir—Here Comes Treble—to perform at their annual conference.

Under the leadership of Conductor Penny Yanke, the 29-member choir sang a selection of 11 songs.

Three songs in the set are the result of a collaborative songwriting project through The Barbershop Harmony Society. For two years, students worked with songwriter Dewey Longuski and arranger Larry Triplett to develop the songs.



Yanke formed the "Here Comes Treble" group in 2018 after attending the Barbershop Harmony Society's Harmony University at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn. In its inaugural year, the group competed on stage at the Grand Ole Opry.

Wisconsin Music Educators Association serves more than 2,000 music educators across Wisconsin.

BHS had 22 Southern Lakes Conference Fall All-Conference Selections.

Fall Sports Recap by Team

Girls Volleyball

The team advanced to the WIAA State Semifinals, won the Southern Lakes Conference, and hosted WIAA Sectionals.

Football

Advanced to Level 3 of the WIAA Division 2 Playoffs.

Boys and Girls Cross Country

Ended the season with multiple end-of-season personal records. Cross Country hosted the Demon Invite at the Burlington School Forest.

Girls Golf

The girls placed 3rd in the Southern Lakes Conference, 3rd at Regionals, and 6th at Sectionals.

Boys Soccer

Competed in the regional match and finished 6th in the Southern Lakes Conference.

Girls Swim Co-op

Four members of the Co-op team advanced to state and the team placed 2nd in the Southern Lakes Conference.

Girls Tennis

The team took 3rd in the Racine County Tournament and finished 5th in the Southern Lakes Conference.

Boys Volleyball

The team hosted and advanced to a sectional finals, finishing as WIAA Sectional runner-ups.



The Racine County Sports Hall of Fame celebrates Racine County's athletes and teams. This year, the Hall of Fame honored scholar-athletes Caleb Weis and Emilie Runkel from Burlington High School.



*Abigail Alan
Girls Volleyball
Athlete of the Year
in the Southern
Lakes Conference*

Tony Romo Field Dedicated

Generations of Burlington Demon Football fans attended the Burlington High School Homecoming game on September 30. Not only did they see the Demons defeat Beloit Memorial (47-14), they welcomed home Burlington legendary athlete Tony Romo ('98).

It was Romo's first Burlington Demons football game since he quarterbacked for the team. At halftime, he walked along the 50-yard line of the new synthetic Tony Romo Field. The naming of the field recognizes his achievements as an NFL athlete and CBS Sports Broadcaster.

Romo's family joined him on the field. Nearby were his former teammates, coaches, and Junior Demon football players. Following the ceremony, Romo visited the student section for a group photo.

A new track and synthetic turf field at BHS marks a new era for Demon athletics. The district paid for the track using capital referendum funds.

To complete the field, the district received \$1.2 million in private contributions from Romo, the Lynch family, Kelly and Kim Kahl, BHS Athletic Association, Redmer and Sons

“I've found when I come back home, it's always home. That's the great thing.”

Tony Romo



Romo returns to Burlington.

Recycling, Andy Naber Family (ASDA), Wanasek, and Paul Bondar and Family.

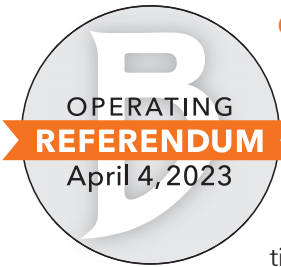
Romo was the first Burlington High School student-athlete to be named All-State in three sports—football, basketball, and golf. He played quarterback at Eastern Illinois University before signing with the Dallas Cowboys, where he played for 14 seasons. After retiring from football, he accepted a position as Sports Analyst for CBS Sports.

Romo has maintained strong connections to the Burlington community. From 2004-2019, he hosted Tony Romo Football Camp. Burlington High School inducted Romo into their Athletic Hall of Fame in 2008.



Congratulations to Coach Rose Dolatowski for serving as the Girls Tennis Coach for 35 years! She has made a tremendous impact on our Girls Tennis teams and earned a spot in the Wisconsin High School Tennis Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Crossroads of Opportunity



On April 4, 2023, community members will vote on this question:

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the Burlington Area School District, Racine, Walworth and Kenosha Counties, Wisconsin that the revenues included

in the School District budget be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$8,000,000 per year for the 2023-2024 school year through the 2025-2026 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of operational and maintenance expenses.

How will the money be spent?

The funds would sustain BASD's operating budget to provide high-quality instruction and comprehensive offerings to Burlington students.

How did the school board decide on asking for \$8 million for three years?

Currently, the district anticipates budget shortfalls of:

2023-2024: -\$4,685,119

2024-2025: -\$8,275,499

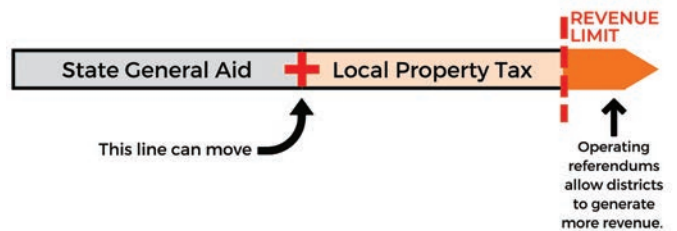
2025-2026: -\$11,378,846

Asking for \$8 million for three years evenly distributes the revenue across three years. We will levy accordingly and responsibly should the budget change.

What is an "Operational" Referendum?

An operational referendum allows a school district to ask residents for permission to exceed the state-imposed revenue limit.

Local taxpayers can give permission to their school district—through an operating referendum—to exceed the revenue limit. More than 80% of Wisconsin school districts have asked their community to support an operating referendum.



What is a revenue limit?

All Wisconsin public schools receive most of their revenue from **state general aid** and **property taxes**.

A revenue limit is a maximum revenue that may be raised through state general aid and property tax.

The state has not provided a per pupil increase since the 2019-2021 budget, though educational expenses have increased.



COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSIONS

BASD will host information sessions on the following dates:

Tuesday, February 21, 5:00 pm

Karcher Middle School (300 Wainwright Ave.)

Thursday, March 2, 6:00 pm

Virtual Meeting

Wednesday, March 29, 7:00 pm

Veterans Terrace (589 Milwaukee Ave.)



Community groups can ask the district to present information at meetings. Please contact Julie Thomas at 262-763-0210 x1010 to schedule.

B BURLINGTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

District Office
209 Wainwright Ave.
Burlington, WI 53105

WEB: basd.k12.wi.us • PHONE: (262) 763-0210

PRESORTED STANDARD
ECRWSS
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PALATINE, IL P & DC
PERMIT NO. 7133

BASD's Community Education (CED) offers classes and camps for everyone. Check their website for details.

*****ECRWSSDDM****

Residential Customer
Burlington, WI 53105

