Superintendent’s Message

Happy New Year! I want to introduce you to a new planning process that the district embarked on this past fall. We call the process Funding the Future.

We are working with SES Study Team, LLC and community representatives to analyze and discuss district data, as well as to use the data to identify options that the district might use to determine its short and long term planning and funding for programs and facilities.

Our first step was to establish a community advisory group that represents a cross-section of all of the residents, taxpayers, and stakeholders of the Baldwinsville Central School District. Community input is essential as we determine how best to serve our students in the near and long term future.

The group has met three times since September 2018 and will continue to meet periodically to provide SES with perceptions, insights, and perspectives on district data. You will find more details on Funding the Future on page 5, as well as on our website. Look for the “Funding the Future” link under the “About Us” link on our home page, www.bville.org.

Despite the rain, snow and cold of this winter, the construction of the new transportation center is running on schedule. We have an update on the building on page 10. It has been exciting to track its progress from a vacant piece of land to the beginnings of the building’s steel skeleton. The best news of all is that we are on budget.

On page 9, you will find information about an online ticketing system, Ticketleap, which we are now using for productions in the high school auditorium. Our goal is to make purchasing tickets more convenient and efficient for our community members. We will begin using the system on February 1 when tickets for the Baker High School Musical Players production of “Shrek the Musical” go on sale.

February break is February 18 to February 22. I hope everyone has a very happy and healthy break and good weather!

Sincerely,

Matthew J. McDonald, Superintendent
Ray Middle School

Ray Middle School students used their math skills in the kitchen before the holiday break to bake cookies. Sixth-graders worked in small groups to alter their recipes to either increase or decrease the quantity of cookies made. With the help of seventh-grade FACS students, the sixth-graders measured, mixed and baked their treats, which the school donated to the Samaritan Center and the Cpl. Kyle Schneider Foundation for veterans.

Principal Christina Louis

Durgee Jr. High School

Durgee students are taking full advantage of the many opportunities available to them. Our ninth-grade English classes have been doing presentations, research papers and independent reading. Algebra students took part in Hour of Code activities hosted in the library media center. The counseling department continued its Career Speaker session, welcoming actress Magdalyn Donnelly from the Redhouse Arts Center in Syracuse. The wonderful sounds of the Durgee band/chorus concert on January 17 lifted everyone’s spirits. Our eighth-grade students worked with their counselors to learn about high school graduation requirements and to select elective options for the next school year. Ninth-grade students began course selections for tenth-grade during the week of January 22.

Principal Bonnie Van Benschoten

Baker High School

The PLTW Human Body Systems class recently dissected cow eyeballs for their unit on the eye. We have 44 students at Baker who were selected to perform in the senior high all-county music festival. Baker hosted the festival this year on January 11 & 12. Music students from around the county were here to perform with the all-county band, orchestra or chorus. Mark your calendars for two events. On February 28 we will hold our first Culture Festival. On March 7, 8 & 9 the Baker High School Musical Players present, “Shrek the Musical.” Tickets go on sale February 1. See page 9 for more information.

Principal Donald Root

Elden Elementary School

It has been such a great year at Elden Elementary School. Through the Positivity Project, our students and staff have been learning and practicing the character strengths that we have within all of us. Students have been nominated for the character trait of the week and joined me and Mrs. Ancona weekly for an ice cream treat. The PTA sponsored this incentive. In addition, the PTA purchased Positivity Project t-shirts for all students and staff. We celebrated PERSEVERANCE by hosting Mike Erwin, the president and co-founder of the Positivity Project, on January 11. This was such an outstanding experience for students and staff! #OtherPeopleMatter!

Principal Thomas Coughlin
**Around the District**

**McNamara Elementary School**

In December, our fifth-graders enjoyed a presentation by a special guest who is a chemistry professor at OCC and a McNamara mom - Dr. Lara Chappell. She talked to students about chemicals and chemical reactions, which they were studying at the time. We recently said goodbye to our head custodian, David Resseguie, who retired. Students and staff lined the front walk and clapped and cheered for him as he left the school parking lot on his last day. Members of McNamara’s STEM Club have learned how to make a website under the guidance of teacher Lucas Smith.

*Principal Jane Nadolski*

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**Palmer Elementary School**

I want to wish all Palmer families a Happy New Year and express my excitement about the prospects of 2019. We began January with a special Positivity Project assembly. Mike Erwin, co-founder of The Positivity Project, was our guest speaker. His message was inspiring and students and staff responded with enthusiasm. Through our partnership with the Positivity Project, students will be learning about Hope/Optimism & Prudence. In January we kicked-off one of our favorite events of the year with tremendous support from our PTA: Pick a Reading Partner (PARP)! We began our One School, One Book program. All students and staff received a book, compliments of the PTA.

*Principal Alex Ewing*

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**Reynolds Elementary School**

We’ve been busy at Reynolds! We conducted a spare change drive to adopt families for the holidays, and we held a food drive for the Baldwinsville Volunteer Center. In January our Bee HEALTHY & WELLness Club welcomed Food Service Director Brian Wright, who taught us how to make smoothies. Students and staff had the opportunity to blend a smoothie of bananas, blueberries and yogurt....truly a team effort! We also discussed healthy snacks and proper food preparation. Thank you to Mr. Wright for sharing healthy choices and sending each student home with a smoothie recipe!

*Principal Melissa Chiodo*

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**Van Buren Elementary School**

Thanks to our PTA, we had the pleasure of hosting author Bruce Coville to kick off our Pick a Reading Partner (PARP) program in January. Mr. Coville told us a story and talked about how he works as a writer. He was very funny and inspiring, and because of his lively presentation, I think we may have some future authors in our school. Our students were definitely encouraged to read. Our goal as a school is to read 186,000 minutes during PARP. I have no doubt that Van Buren will surpass this.

*Principal Danielle Nahorney*
Kindergarten Registration for 2019-2020 Set for March 14, 2019

Kindergarten open registration for the 2019–2020 school year will take place at the district’s elementary schools on Thursday, March 14, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Registration will take place at the elementary school of the student’s current attendance area for his or her home address. Families in the district student database will receive an informational email by the first week of February. The email will provide details regarding the school at which to register, as well as the requirements needed to complete the registration process.

In order to be eligible for kindergarten in September 2019, a child must have been born on or before December 1, 2014. The district is unable to honor requests to make exceptions for students who “just miss” the cut-off date.

To register, a parent or guardian must provide the district with all of the following:

- Proof of residency in the form of a lease or mortgage statement, a school tax bill or a utility bill for your residence;
- Completed health appraisal with immunization record form signed by a physician or current immunization record and the date of scheduled exam with the physician, to be completed by September 1, 2019;
- Child’s original birth certificate as proof of age;
- A dental health exam form, signed by a dentist, should be submitted to the school nurse by the first day of school.
- Completed online census;

In addition, the district requires copies of custody documents to be on file for students whose parents share legal custody and for students who have a parent who has sole legal custody.

If you have an eligible child and do not receive information by February 8, please call the district registrar at 315-638-6044 x1 or 315-638-6050 to request an informational email. You can find additional information regarding registration on the district website at www.bville.org.

Alumni Profiles

Caleb Wilcox, Class of 2010
Caleb attended Prescott College, a small school in Arizona. He received his BA in Adventure Education. Some of his classes included rock climbing, backcountry skiing, avalanche forecasting, and nine weeks of sea kayaking and marine biology in the Sea of Cortez. During his sophomore year of college, he lived in a hammock in the woods for nine months. He studied abroad in Norway for a semester before graduating in 2014. In 2016, he bicycled across the country. Caleb has worked wilderness therapy in Utah and outdoor education with Outward Bound California, a non-profit. He is returning to school in Salt Lake City for a nursing degree.

Would you like to be featured in the Alumni Profiles section of this newsletter and the district website?

If you would, please send a current photo of yourself, as well as the answers to the following questions to kcary@bville.org:

1. Year of graduation
2. Degrees/certifications/licenses
3. What are you doing now?
4. Where do you live?
5. If you still live in the Baldwinsville school district, why?
6. Which Baldwinsville teacher(s) made a difference in your life and why?
7. How did Baldwinsville prepare you for college/career?
8. Favorite memory of school
Funding the Future
Identifying Opportunities for the Delivery of Student Programs and Services in the District

What is Funding the Future?
In the fall of 2018, the district embarked on a transparent and collaborative process with SES Study Team, LLC and community representatives to analyze and discuss district data, as well as to use the data to identify options that the district might use to determine its short and long term planning and funding for programs and facilities, as they relate to the program vision of the Baldwinsville Central School District. We call this process Funding the Future.

Who are the community representatives?
The district’s first step in this process was to establish a community advisory group that represents a cross-section of all of the residents, taxpayers, and stakeholders of the Baldwinsville Central School District. The Board of Education identified a diverse group of community members to create the 38-member Funding the Future Community Advisory Committee. All members of the group live in the district and have a vested interest in our schools and how programs and services are delivered to our students.

Members are: parents; residents without children; empty-nesters; Baldwinsville retirees; employees; students; representatives from local businesses; and local political leaders. No current Board of Education members or district central administrators are members of the group.

Who is SES Study Team, LLC?
The advisory group is acting as a steering committee to assist SES Study Team, LLC and Dr. Paul Seversky, principal partner. Dr. Seversky is a retired superintendent, and he and his team have acted as consultants to assist over 25 school districts in conducting similar analyses of their districts. With the aid and input of the advisory committee, he and his team will prepare three studies: an enrollment projection study; a pupil capacity analysis; and a program implementation study.

What is the Community Advisory Committee’s Main Objective?
The Community Advisory Committee’s main objective is to provide Dr. Seversky and his team with perceptions, insights, and perspectives on district data that includes information on student population projections, the housing market, grade level school building configurations, instructional and instructional support spaces in our buildings, and the physical condition of our current buildings.

The group’s input will aid Dr. Seversky and his team in preparing a set of options regarding the district’s facilities, the organization of the district, and the implementation of district programs in order to answer the question, “Are there options that might provide effective ways or patterns to organize how the K-12 program is implemented/delivered over the next several years?”

We expect these options to be ready for the Board of Education to review by June 2019. A set of options that have been developed with community input will enable the Board to make informed decisions on how to best serve our students in the near and long term future.

The advisory committee is meeting periodically with Dr. Seversky. You can review the agendas from past meetings on the Funding the Future webpage, https://www.bville.org/teacher-page.cfm?teacher=5973.

In June 2019, the district plans to hold a community meeting to present the findings of the Funding the Future Community Advisory Committee and SES Study Team, LLC. Once a date has been set, we will announce it on our website and through the district’s other forms of communications.
Four Baker Students Selected for Puerto Rican/Hispanic Leadership Institute

Four Baker High School students have been selected to participate in the 2019 Angelo Del Toro Puerto Rican/Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute (PR/HYLI) – Syracuse/CNY Delegation. Cooper Pyle, Iham Rodriguez, Kimberly Rivera Cotto, and Jose Perez-Marino are joining other students from around the area in the CNY Delegation. Selection as a participant is an indication of a student’s leadership potential and future achievement.

A key element of the Leadership Institute is the promotion and development of communication, leadership, and public speaking skills in Hispanic/Latino students across the state. Participants will learn public policy and the legislative process in several days of training that will focus on identification and research of local issues, study of the NYS legislative process, parliamentary procedure and selected bills. Upon completion of training, students will have the opportunity to attend a three-day institute in Albany in March.

(L to r) Cooper Pyle, Kimberly Rivera Cotto, Iham Rodriguez, and Jose Perez-Marino

Coach Lloyd Earns 400th Win

Mark Lloyd, coach of the boys varsity hockey team, earned his 400th career win on December 28, 2018 in a home game against Mohawk Valley. Lloyd, who teaches health at Ray Middle School, has been the varsity coach since the 1985-1986 season.

Baker to Hold Technology Event for Senior Community Members

March 23, 2019

Need a little help with your computer or smart phone? The Baker High School Genius Bar students will hold a special event on March 23, 2019 to provide technology support to our senior community members. Savvy Seniors will be held in the school library from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All computers and smart phones are welcome. Enjoy complimentary coffee and cookies as our students answer your technology questions. To register, please contact Leslie Cartier at lcartier@bville.org or 315-638-6000.

BAKER HIGH SCHOOL CULTURE FESTIVAL

February 28, 2019
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Experience the food, traditions, clothing and music of 20 different cultures in our school community!

www.bville.org
Forty-four Baker Students Selected for Senior High All-County Music Festival

Forty-four Baker High School students were selected to perform in the Senior High All-County Music Festival, held January 11 & 12, 2019 at Baker High School. Congratulations to the following students in band, chorus and orchestra:

Chorus (at right)

First row (l to r): Marisa Barnard, Haley Vaughn, Lexi Jenkins, Morgan Youker
Second Row (l to r): August Samchisen, Gillian Coffey, Ava Shore, Maddie Butchko, Olivia Richards
Third row (l to r): Griffin Satterlee, Christopher Felong, David Hoy, Anthony McGraw, Carter Galle
Not Pictured: Gavin Burns, Katrina Hays-Peterson, Shannon McCarthy

Band (at left)

From top to bottom of stairs - Parker Bruce, Cameron Cartier, Nora Penhollow, Allyson Howard-Green, Barbie Mosher, Deanna Garcia, Thomas Grindle, William DuBois, Oliver Exware, Brianna Svitak, Caleb Butchko and Alex Lutgen
Missing: Liam Lantry

Orchestra (at right)

From top to bottom of stairs - Tristan Miranda, Kai Gregoire, Sophia Vacanti, Bianca Gascon, Alivia Speight, Kaycie Romano, Olivia Wachob, Rebecca Mantione, Joshua Tapia, Lauren Lammers, Sheng Huang, and Ryan Hulchanski
Missing: Sungwon Choi, Sungwoo Choi, and Olivia Richards
Forty-eight B’ville Students Perform at Jr. High All-County Music Fest

Forty-eight Baldwinsville students in grades 7-9 were selected to participate in the 2019 Junior High School All-County Music Festival, held on January 25 & 26, 2019 in Skaneateles. Congratulations to the following students:

**Durgee Jr. High Band**
Back (l to r) - Gordon Flood, Owen Penhollow, Finnian Saarie, Olivia DeFazio, Trevor Stoyer
Front (l to r) - Tyler Norman, Andrew Secor, Kelly Rogers, and Liam Rausa

**Durgee Jr. High Orchestra**
Back (l to r) - Lauren Millard, Lillian Lavalette, Elizabeth Sheperd, Sarah Allam, Emily DeMarco
Middle (l to r) - Julia Speich, Annalisa Arostegui, Claire Quilter, Lauren Gascon, Isabella Nalli
Front (l to r) - Hannah Gould, Keenan Smith, and Jenna Speich

**Durgee Jr. High Chorus**
Back (l to r) - Allison Hay, Maria DeCaro, Evan Burmeister, Katie Mullin, Owen Davison, Tyler Bracy
Middle (l to r) - Molly Glowacki, Emily Garcia, Maddy MacLaury, Taite Archer, Isabelle Newcomb, Isaiah Torrales
Front (l to r) - Katelyn Reynolds, Gabby Butchko, Sydney Hall, and Kaylee Evans.
Missing: Sasha Dailey and Jillian Parker

**Ray Middle School 7th Graders**
Back (l to r) - Allie MacDerment (band), Maddy Ransiear (band), Ninah Roux (orchestra), Noah Covert (band), Nick Helbig (band), Jayden Miranda (orchestra)
Front (l to r) - Lauren Ventura (chorus) and Colin Demarest (chorus)
Plan Bee Releases its First Record!

The Baldwinsville pep band, Plan Bee, has released its first-ever vinyl record entitled “Bee Sides!”

The collection was three years in the making and involved several hundred students who were members of Plan Bee over the last ten years. Plan Bee celebrated the record release as well as its ten-year anniversary with a concert at the Palace Theatre in Syracuse on January 25, 2019.

You can purchase the record for $15 at www.beesband.com. Proceeds from the album sales will benefit the Baldwinsville marching band program. The marching band has been invited to perform in the 2020 Rose Parade. Most of the members of the pep band are also members of the marching band.

Plan Bee, led by Band Director Casey Vanderstouw, is active in the Baldwinsville community, performing at various events and athletic activities throughout the year to generate school spirit and B'ville pride. For the past eight years, Plan Bee has acted as the house band for Syracuse University basketball games when the university is on its winter break. Over 100 students in grades 7-12 are members of Plan Bee.

Ticketleap - A New Way to Purchase Tickets for District Productions

There’s a new way to purchase tickets for Baldwinsville school theatrical productions.

As of February 1, 2019, the district is using Ticketleap, an online system that will make it more convenient for community members to buy their tickets and select their seats (based on ticket price) for productions in the Baker High School auditorium.

The system will go live on February 1 to purchase tickets to the Baker High School Musical Players production of “Shrek the Musical,” to be presented March 7 & 8 at 7:00 p.m. and March 9 at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the school auditorium.

As of February 1, you will find a link to Ticketleap in a banner at the top of the homepage of the district’s website at www.bville.org or you can go directly to the site https://bville.ticketleap.com/.

Tickets are $15, $12 and $10, depending on your seat location. There is no additional charge to buy your tickets online. You can choose your seat from a seating chart that will be online. To purchase tickets you need a credit card and an email address. Ticketleap will email you the tickets, which you can then print at home or show on your phone the day of the performance.

If you prefer not to buy your tickets online, you can still purchase them through the Baker box office at 315-638-6039 as of February 1, and cash will be accepted for in-person purchases at the box office.

Baker High School Musical Players Present:

March 7 & 8 - 7 p.m.
March 9 - 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Baker Auditorium
Tickets: $15, $12, & $10

Tickets can be purchased online at https://bville.ticketleap.com/
Look for the link on the district’s homepage www.bville.org

No internet access? Call the box office at 315-638-6039.
Department Updates

Human Resources Update
District Welcomes New Business Official and New SRO

The Baldwinsville Central School District and its Board of Education welcomed two new staff members to the district on January 2, 2019. Tiffany Turner, top right, has joined the district as a school business official. She will work closely with James Rodems, the district’s assistant superintendent for management services. She was previously the assistant superintendent for business for the LaFayette Central School District. Prior to that, she held the position of school business administrator with the Tully Central School District. She received her bachelor’s degree in Business Administration-Management as well as her master’s degree in Educational Administration and her certificate of advanced studies in School Business Administration from SUNY College at Brockport. She received her certificate of advanced studies in School District Leadership from SUNY College at New Paltz.

Also joining the district is Officer Andrea Natoli, bottom right, of the Village of Baldwinsville Police Department. She is the district’s new school resource officer and is based at Van Buren Elementary School. Officer Natoli has been in law enforcement for seven years. She served three years with the Oriskany Police Department and the last four years with the Village of Baldwinsville. She earned an associate’s degree in criminal justice from Mohawk Community College.

Facilities Update
Despite Winter Weather, New Transporation Center is Taking Shape

The winter weather has not hampered construction of the district’s new transportation center in Radisson Corporate Park. The building is taking shape on time and on budget, according to James Rodems, Assistant Superintendent for Management Services. Voters approved the construction of a new transportation center when they approved the 2016 Capital Project in February 2016.

At the beginning of January, contractors began building the structure. The steel has been erected for the front offices and public spaces of the building, sewer lines are installed, and the first asphalt layer of the parking lot is down. Rodems said that by April 1, 2019 the bulk of the building’s skeleton should be complete. Contractors will install the electric and gas over the winter months if the ground remains soft enough. If not, they will install them in the spring.

If the build continues on schedule, Rodems said the center should be ready for occupancy by November or December 2019. You can find weekly construction updates with progress photos on the district’s website at https://www.bville.org/teacherpage.cfm?teacher=5743.
The following are highlights from Board of Education regular meetings held in November and December. You can access meeting agendas, minutes and related documents on our website at http://boarddocs.cnyric.org/bville/Board.nsf/Public.

**November 19, 2018**

The Board honored NYS Senator John DeFrancisco with the Board of Education Spotlight to thank him for his dedication and commitment to public education. The Board presented the senator with two Adirondack chairs that were made by Baker students.

Elden and Van Buren elementary schools presented their strategic plans to the Board. Two trip requests were presented to the Board for first readings, one for the girls varsity basketball team and one for the boys varsity baseball team.

The Board approved the Baldwinsville Central School District Policies-Series 6000-Reviewed/Revised. The Board also passed a resolution requiring a district employee to submit to a medical examination by school medical inspector(s).

The Board approved the disposal of surplus instructional materials from Durgee Jr. High School, Elden, McNamara, Reynolds and Van Buren elementary schools. The Board also approved a memorandum of agreement between the district and the Baldwinsville Educational Support Professionals Association.

**December 3, 2018 Meeting**

The Board of Education honored the fall teams and athletes who participated in state competition - boys varsity soccer, girls varsity volleyball and Justus Holden-Betts, girls varsity cross country.

The leadership report for the meeting included an update on K-12 curriculum and instruction, a presentation on the McKinney Vento Act, and a review of the number of absences at each school for the first quarter of the school year.

The Board had a first reading of a trip request for Durgee Jr. High School art students to travel to New York City in May 2019.

The Board approved a trip request for the boys varsity baseball team to travel and participate in the high school baseball spring training at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in Florida in April 2019.

The Board approved the awarding of a contract for general construction to Ruston Paving Co., Inc. The Board also approved a new three-year service contract with OCM BOCES for technology leases.

**December 17, 2018**

The Elden Elementary School grades 4 & 5 chorus opened the meeting with a performance. The Board approved the consent agenda and there was a leadership report on the district’s sub service.

The Board reviewed the proposed debt service and benefits budget for 2019-2020, as well as the proposed transportation budget and school bus purchases for 2019-2020. The Board had first readings for the following:

1. Baker orchestra and band students trip – Vestal, NY
2. Girls Softball Spring Trip-Myrtle Beach, SC
3. Girls Lacrosse Spring Break Trip-Nashville, TN

The Board approved the following:

1. A trip to NYC for Durgee art students
2. Amending the 2018-19 General Fund Budget to allow for the voter approved use of our Capital Reserve to fund the local share of the Safety and Security Project.
3. Amending the 2018-19 General Fund Budget to

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All events are subject to change and cancellation. Please check with your school for the most current information.

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spend legislative grant of $57,000 for building repair

4. Phase 2 Plan for the use of Smart Schools grant money

5. Change Order No. 00021-J & B Installations