

# Newscaster



SEPTEMBER 2020



## WELCOME BACK, WARRIORS!

Chenango Valley was excited to welcome back our Warriors on September 10! While this school year looks a little different as we follow health and safety protocols, one thing will always remain the same... we have truly amazing students and staff!

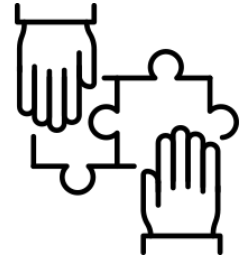
Our students, whether learning in person or remotely, make us **#CVWarriorProud!**



## Thank you for your support, Warriors!

The Chenango Valley Central School District would like to express our sincere gratitude as we continue to navigate through these challenging times. It is the teamwork and support of our Warrior Community that helps us to continue moving forward and remain #CVWarriorStrong.

Our goal is to continue to provide communications that are as transparent as possible, while protecting confidentiality. We thank you for continuing to be respectful and supportive of your fellow Warriors.



## Communications for District Updates

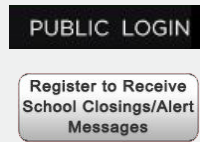
Chenango Valley is working hard to keep families updated on important information in a timely manner. CV emails district families (students' parents/guardians) updates using contact information from our student management system. In addition, phone calls to primary contacts and opt-in text alerts (*see below for more information*) may be used to notify families that updates have been sent. If you are a parent/guardian and have had any issues receiving updates/alert notifications, please reach out to our Director of Curriculum/Technology Mrs. Sarah Latimer by emailing [SLatimer@cvcasd.stier.org](mailto:SLatimer@cvcasd.stier.org) or calling (607) 762-6820 to make sure your information is updated in our system. Please include your name (*first and last*), any updated information (*i.e. phone number and/or email address*), along with the name(s) of your child(ren) (*first and last*).

District updates are also shared through our website: [www.cvcasd.stier.org](http://www.cvcasd.stier.org)

## Opt-In for Alert Notifications

In addition to the updates sent through our student management system, the district also provides an opt-in alert system that allows parents/guardians and community members to receive notifications regarding items such as district announcements and emergency/weather-related closing alerts. These alert notifications will be sent in the form of an email and/or text to your cell phone. To receive these alert notifications, you will need to sign up for an account through our district website:

1. Go to [www.cvcasd.stier.org](http://www.cvcasd.stier.org)
2. Select "PUBLIC LOGIN" at the top right-hand corner of the district homepage if on desktop computer or go to "Register to Receive School Closings/Alert Messages" if on desktop/mobile devices.
3. Log in or create a new account.
4. Select the notification preferences you would like to receive. To receive districtwide notifications such as emergencies and weather-related school closings, select "Emergency Alerts/Closing and Delay".



We encourage you to check and make sure you're signed up. If your contact information has changed, please update your contact information in the system as needed to ensure you receive alert notifications. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Sarah Latimer at [SLatimer@cvcasd.stier.org](mailto:SLatimer@cvcasd.stier.org)

## Daily Health Screenings and Bi-Monthly FamilyID Student Health Screening Questionnaire

*It is vital that parents/guardians complete a daily health screening and temperature check for each child attending school in person before they leave home. In addition, families are required to submit bi-monthly health screening questionnaires via FamilyID.*

### Daily Health Screening

• Parents/guardians must complete a daily health screening and temperature check of their child(ren) prior to having them report to in-person instruction. While these won't be submitted on a daily basis, it is extremely important to complete the screening each day with fidelity. More information can be found on our district website ([www.cvcasd.stier.org](http://www.cvcasd.stier.org)).

### Bi-Monthly FamilyID Student Health Screening Questionnaire

• The bi-monthly online health screening questionnaire via FamilyID serves as a confirmation that parents/guardians are completing the daily at-home health screening of their child(ren) attending in-person instruction with fidelity.  
• Within five (5) days of the 1st and 15th of EVERY month, parents/guardians must complete and submit the online health screening questionnaire for each of their children attending in-person instruction. Parents/guardians will receive an email link from the district each time prompting them to submit the questionnaire. There will be a new link sent before the 1st and 15th of each month. Each up-to-date link will also be available on our district website homepage.



**PLEASE NOTE: Information continues to be subject to change based on local, state and federal guidance.**

**For more information, visit: [www.cvcasd.stier.org](http://www.cvcasd.stier.org)**

## Message from the Superintendent

Dear Chenango Valley Community,

We were excited to begin our 2020-2021 school year, even though we continue under challenging times. We have worked hard to maintain good communications throughout our reopening process and encourage you to continue to visit our website ([www.cvcasd.stier.org](http://www.cvcasd.stier.org)) for updates and information.

I want to acknowledge, as I have during the community forums on our reopening, that the pandemic has been met with polarizing opinions regarding many aspects of the expectations set forth by federal, state, and local authorities. I would like to emphasize that the priority remains focused on the well-being of our students, staff and community; as well as following the guidance we are mandated to follow.

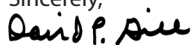
As we look at a time that some label with chaos, uncertainty, and fear, I want to remind everyone of the fortunate community we live in; not only Broome County, but Chenango Valley specifically. If we stay focused on following good safety and wellness practices within our community, especially our school community, we can help make our reopening successful. I would like to stress that regardless of your feelings towards this pandemic, the focus is on others. As we have learned through our continued "Positivity Project" work, it is important to take others into consideration. Please continue to work in partnership with us to help keep our students, staff and community safe, and continue to keep the doors of our schools open by following the protocols in place.

I have recently communicated the student health guidelines from the New York State Department of Health in regards to student illness. We are required to follow these guidelines and can offer you the ability to reach out to the Broome County Health Department or the New York State Health Department to express your concerns on what we are obligated to follow. It is important to remember that we are living in a worldwide pandemic. Given this, every health issue, chronic or new, is viewed in the light of the coronavirus and by a different medical lens. We will continue to work with you, but need you to recognize the regulations we must adhere to.

As we continue to follow the guidance of local, state and federal officials, we will also continue to keep our families informed. As a reminder, please make sure that your email information is updated in our student management system. If you are a parent/guardian and not receiving district updates, please reach out to our Director of Curriculum/Technology, Mrs. Sarah Latimer, at (607) 762-6820 or [SLatimer@cvcasd.stier.org](mailto:SLatimer@cvcasd.stier.org) to help make sure your information is up to date.

In closing, I want to express how excited we are to have our doors open and our students back in attendance. Although it looks different, it is all in an effort to follow the required regulations, but also offer some normalcy. Thank you for your continued support, understanding, and teamwork.

Please reach out if you need any support. Warrior strength is most powerful when we work together.

Sincerely,  


Dr. David P. Gill  
Superintendent of Schools



Dr. David P. Gill  
Superintendent

## Board of Education President's Message

There is little more telling about character than how we respond to adversity. This year continues to be one which brings hardships and unknowns. It has divided a nation. The virus has given us a different direction and way of life. Its impact on physical and mental health is inarguable. The financial impact is becoming real with a serious and potentially devastating loss in aid.

What it hasn't done, nor will it ever, is to conquer the spirit of the Warriors.

It's true. Some people are angry. Some people are over it. Some people are scared. Some people are coping. Some people are frustrated. Some people are overwhelmed. The beauty of this all is the acknowledgment and understanding by most that all of these feelings come from people and we need to feel and exude compassion rather than judgement.

We have faculty in our district showing up every single day doing the work and making the best-informed decisions they can. We have parents who are supporting each other even though their belief systems are contrary. We have students who are finding their way and holding out hope for an eventual return to a normal. Regardless of one's political affiliation or belief system, we know there is too much on the line to bicker, complain, and spread negativity. That is not the way a community survives. It's through trust, cooperation and taking ownership of attitudes. It's mindset and working towards a common goal... the health, safety and education of our children.

We wish you all well, especially during these first few weeks of adjusting to the 2020-2021 school year. We wish our community members moments of peace, health, and the ability to see good. Please know that your Board of Education is doing all it can to support the reopening of schools and making sure voices are heard and people are respected. We are working with administration on the serious and significant implications of the financial decisions of both the federal and state government. It's not easy. It's not perfect. It's ever-changing.

We thank you for your continued support of our district. Know that we hold steadfast in the belief that we will endure this battle. After all... we are Warriors.

Kelly Warwick  
President, Chenango Valley Board of Education



Kelly Warwick, President  
Board of Education

# Welcome!

Chenango Valley is excited to welcome these individuals with new roles on our Warrior team! If you see them around, be sure to say hello!



**Meredith Baiy**  
CB Elementary  
Fourth Grade Teacher



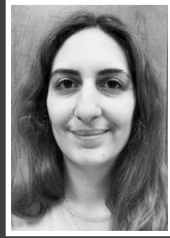
**Tishuba Guzyk**  
PD Elementary  
Speech Pathologist



**Jennifer Herrera**  
CV Middle/High School  
LOTE Teacher



**Shaina Hinman**  
CB Elementary  
School Nurse



**Caitlin LaFergola-Wesser**  
CV Middle/High School  
LTS - Technology



**Rachael Smith**  
CB Elementary  
Fourth Grade Teacher



**Valerie Spiller**  
CV Middle/High School  
LOTE Teacher



**Suzanne Stephenson**  
CB Elementary  
Principal

### Additional New Faculty/Staff:

Tim George - Bus Attendant  
Darian Martin - Bus Attendant  
Charles Messina - Bus Attendant

Steve Dembinski - Bus Driver  
Gary Nelson - Bus Driver

## Congratulations to our newest tenures!

- Lisa Chavez
- Megan Ferry
- Kevin Hammill
- Megan Hoeflein
- Kathryn O'Brien
- Todd Plourde
- Megan Preston
- Judy Westcott
- Elizabeth Wood

## Student Photography Opt-Out

There are times when our district may be featured in various media. News reporters, photographers and/or film crews, or appropriate district employees, may wish to photograph and/or film students involved in school programs or activities. Our schools are also visited by community organizations or partners who are providing services to students. These organizations or partners may wish to use photographs and/or your child's name in their publications and informational materials.

If you DO NOT want your child to be photographed or filmed by members of the media, organizations or agencies at school or district events for use in publications, websites or video, please contact the CV Communications Office at (607) 762-6804 to obtain a media opt-out form. We will make every effort to honor your request; however, please be aware that there may be circumstances when your child may be photographed or filmed beyond our control. We suggest discussing your wishes with your child so that they know your preference for noninclusion in photos/video.

In addition, if you do not wish to have examples of your child's original work (i.e. art class paintings) published via our district website, please contact the CV Communications Office at the number listed above.



## Important Message Regarding Nut Allergies

There are students in the CV schools who have a severe allergy to nuts, peanuts and peanut products. The allergy can be life-threatening, and strict avoidance is the only way to prevent an allergic reaction.

In an effort to provide a safe learning environment for these students, we ask that you do not send in any foods which contain nuts, peanuts and/or peanut butter for your child to snack on during the school day. Peanut/nut products may be in your child's lunch, but they must be eaten in the cafeteria and not in the classroom, hallway, school bus, sporting events or field trips.



Your cooperation with this matter is greatly appreciated.

Please note that the Chenango Valley Craft Show will not be held this year. Thank you for your understanding.

## Capital Project Update

Phase 2 of the capital improvements project is nearly complete. Construction at Chenango Bridge Elementary wrapped up over the summer with only some minor items that need final completion. Students were able to experience an exciting transformation to the building on their first day of school!

Several improvements occurred at our bus garage over the summer as well. Work included expansion of the bus storage bays to better fit buses, door and window replacement, new handicap accessible restrooms, renovated drivers' lounge and offices, HVAC improvements, and electrical improvements. Final completion will occur within the next couple of weeks.

Since the start of the most recent capital project, the district has seen significant improvements to its facilities, which have helped to reduce maintenance needs, save energy, and provide better educational spaces for our students and staff.



Chenango Valley Bus Garage



Chenango Bridge Elementary

# Title I, Parents' Right to Know Notification Letter

To Port Dickinson, Chenango Bridge and Chenango Valley Middle School Parents/Guardians,

In accordance with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), parents of students attending Title I schools – Port Dickinson, Chenango Bridge and Chenango Valley Middle School - may request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's teachers and paraprofessional staff.

Please call the District Office at 762-6810 should you want information regarding:

- A. whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
- B. whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived;
- C. the baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree; and
- D. whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

## Public Notice Regarding Asbestos

The Chenango Valley Central School District completes inspection of all schools and buildings to determine the condition of asbestos that is present, and whether any action is required to avoid potential health hazards for students, employees and visitors.

A management plan has been developed in accordance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), to ensure the continued provision and maintenance of a safe environment for students, employees and visitors. The management plan includes training of maintenance staff to prevent disturbance of asbestos, periodic re-inspection, surveillance and limited abatement by trained personnel.

Please note that the comprehensive, triennial inspection occurs once every three years. A surveillance inspection of the asbestos containing building materials occurs every six months, typically during the months of December and July. Monitoring of these building materials occurs on a continuing basis.

A copy of the management plan is available at the District Office. If you would like further information regarding this matter, please contact Director of School Facilities and Operations Mr. Andrew Burlingame at (607) 762-6861.

## Chenango Valley Central School District Request for Pesticide Application Notification

New York State Education Law Section 409-H and State Education Department Commissioner's Regulation 155.24, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.

Chenango Valley Central School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior notification of certain pesticide applications.

If you would like to receive such notification or would like further information regarding this matter, please contact Director of School Facilities and Operations Mr. Andrew Burlingame at (607) 762-6861.

## District Policies

**PLEASE NOTE:** A complete list of Chenango Valley Central School District policies, along with routine policy updates, is available on our district website at [www.cvcasd.stier.org/PolicyManual.aspx](http://www.cvcasd.stier.org/PolicyManual.aspx)

In addition, a complete policy manual is available for review in the main office at each school building. You can also contact the respective office to request a copy of any policy.

### Title IX Coordinators

Michelle Feyerabend

MFeyerabend@cvcasd.stier.org | 762-6811

Sarah Latimer

SLatimer@cvcasd.stier.org | 762-6820

### Medicaid Compliance Officer

Tara Williams Whittaker

TWhittaker@cvcasd.stier.org | 762-6830

### **Business address for each:**

221 Chenango Bridge Rd., Binghamton, NY 13901

# Chenango Valley Central School District Contact Guide

2020-2021 School Year

Questions About	1st Contact	2nd Contact	3rd Contact	4th Contact	5th Contact
Academics	Teacher	School Counselor	Building Principal	Asst. Superintendent	Superintendent
Athletics	Coach	Director of Athletics, Physical Education & Health, Asst. Principal	Asst. Superintendent	Superintendent	
Behavior	Teacher	Building Principal	Asst. Superintendent	Superintendent	
BOE Policies	Asst. Superintendent	Superintendent	Board of Education		
Budget	Business Executive	Superintendent			
Building Use	Director of Athletics, Physical Education & Health, Asst. Principal	Asst. Superintendent	Superintendent		
Cafeteria	Food Services Manager	Business Executive	Asst. Superintendent	Superintendent	
Classroom Procedures	Teacher	Building Principal	Asst. Superintendent	Superintendent	
Co-Curricular	Teacher	Building Principal	Asst. Superintendent	Superintendent	
Facilities	Director of Facilities	Business Executive	Superintendent		
Health Office	School Nurse	Building Principal	Director of Athletics, Physical Education & Health, Asst. Principal	Asst. Superintendent	Superintendent
Scheduling/ Grad Requirements	School Counselor	Building Principal	Director of Pupil Services	Asst. Superintendent	Superintendent
Special Education	Special Education Teacher or Service Provider	Director of Special Education	Asst. Superintendent	Superintendent	
Transportation	Bus Driver	Transportation Supervisor	Business Executive	Asst. Superintendent	Superintendent

<b>-SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS</b> Dr. David P. Gill.....Phone: 762-6810   Fax: 762-6890 <a href="mailto:DGill@cvcasd.stier.org">DGill@cvcasd.stier.org</a>	<b>-DIRECTOR OF PUPIL SERVICES</b> Johanna Hickey.....Phone: 762-6859   Fax: 762-6944 <a href="mailto:JHickey@cvcasd.stier.org">JHickey@cvcasd.stier.org</a>	<b>-SCHOOL BUSINESS EXECUTIVE</b> Beth Donahue.....Phone: 762-6803   Fax: 762-6890 <a href="mailto:EDonahue@cvcasd.stier.org">EDonahue@cvcasd.stier.org</a>
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<b>-DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM/TECHNOLOGY</b> Sarah Latimer.....Phone: 762-6820   Fax: 762-6890 <a href="mailto:SLatimer@cvcasd.stier.org">SLatimer@cvcasd.stier.org</a>	<b>-PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR</b> Molly Darrow.....Phone: 762-6804   Fax: 762-6890 <a href="mailto:MDarrow@cvcasd.stier.org">MDarrow@cvcasd.stier.org</a>	

**PORT DICKINSON ELEMENTARY**  
(Grades: K - 2)  
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**Principal/DASA Coordinator:** Mary Beth Hammond | [MHammond@cvcasd.stier.org](mailto:MHammond@cvcasd.stier.org)  
**Phone:** 762-6970 | **Fax:** 762-6979  
Attendance Office.....762-6977  
School Nurse: Beth Kresge.....762-6973

**CHENANGO VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
(Grades: 6 - 8)  
221 Chenango Bridge Road, Binghamton, NY 13901  
**Principal/DASA Coordinator:** Eric E. Attleson | [Attleson@cvcasd.stier.org](mailto:Attleson@cvcasd.stier.org)  
**Phone:** 762-6902 | **Fax:** 762-6945  
Attendance Office.....762-6931  
School Nurse: Kim Riquier.....762-6911  
Homework Hotline..... Please see district website.

**CHENANGO BRIDGE ELEMENTARY**  
(Grades: 3 - 5)  
741 River Road, Binghamton, NY 13901  
**Principal/DASA Coordinator:** Suzanne Stephenson | [SStephenson@cvcasd.stier.org](mailto:SStephenson@cvcasd.stier.org)  
**Phone:** 762-6950 | **Fax:** 648-8959  
Attendance Office.....762-6954  
School Nurse: Shaina Hinman.....762-6952

**CHENANGO VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL**  
(Grades: 9 - 12)  
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**MS/HS Guidance Office Phone:** 762-6918 | **Fax:** 762-6944

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Jackie Arnold-HS.....762-6900 ext. 4361	Judy Hayes-HS.....762-6900 ext. 4553
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	Megan Cieri-CB.....762-6950
	Tina Hall-PD.....762-6970



The health, safety and success of our Warriors continues to be at the top of our district priorities. Thank you for working with us to remain **#CVWarriorStrong**.

**WALLY THE WARRIOR DEMONSTRATES HOW TO PROPERLY WEAR A FACE MASK...**



**X** No



**X** No



**X** No



**✓** **Yes!**

**REMINDER:** Face masks must be worn at all times while on school property (including school buses), unless otherwise directed by a faculty/staff member.



**Chenango Valley Central School District**  
**221 Chenango Bridge Rd.**  
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   Health Office..... 762-6973  
   DASA Coord., Mary Beth Hammond..... 762-6970  
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   Attendance ..... 762-6954  
   Health Office..... 762-6952  
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   Attendance ..... 762-6931  
   Health Office..... 762-6911  
   DASA Coord., Eric Attleson.....762-6902  
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   Attendance ..... 762-6931  
   Health Office..... 762-6912  
   DASA Coord., Jennifer Ostrander..... 762-6900

**OUR MISSION**

**We inspire, engage and empower all students to achieve their full potential.**