

# Newscafter

SEPTEMBER 2024



## OUR MISSION

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

## OUR VISION

We aspire to be a model of innovation and educational excellence that prepares our students for the challenges of life in the 21st century.

## OUR CORE BELIEFS

- \* Students are our first priority.
- \* Partnerships among students, staff, parents, and the community are integral to student success.
- \* We value respect for self and others.
- \* All students and staff deserve a safe, positive, and supportive environment.
- \* We hold high expectations for our students, parents, and ourselves.
- \* We embrace change and strive to be lifelong learners.
- \* We believe all students can learn and will never give up on any student.

## DISTRICT GOALS (2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR)

- 1 Focus on the whole child approach to education by empowering all students to reach their full potential in academics, athletics, arts, and extracurricular activities.
- 2 Prioritize the support of the social and emotional wellness of students and staff.
- 3 Cultivate a culture of Warrior pride and positivity.
- 4 Develop and foster positive relationships throughout the district and with community partners.





**Having Trouble Receiving Notifications?  
We're Here to Help!**  
Contact CV Director of Technology, Sarah Latimer:  
[SLatimer@cvcasd.stier.org](mailto:SLatimer@cvcasd.stier.org)  
607-762-6820

#### Reaching Out With Questions? Please Include:

- **Your Full Name:** First and last
- **Updated Contact Information:** i.e., phone number or email address
- **The Name(s) of Your Child(ren) in School:** First and last

## District Communications

Chenango Valley is dedicated to keeping you in the loop. Our district website, email updates, phone calls, and opt-in text/email alerts help your family stay connected.

### District-Level Communication Methods

- **Email Updates:** We routinely email families using the contact information provided in our system.
- **Phone Calls:** Primary contacts for students may receive important updates via phone.
- **Opt-In Alerts:** Sign up to receive text/email alerts for notifications such as closings and delays.

Did you know? You can view district email updates through the CV website:  
[www.cvcasd.stier.org/DistrictUpdatesandAlerts.aspx](http://www.cvcasd.stier.org/DistrictUpdatesandAlerts.aspx)



## Opt-In System for Alert Notifications

We offer an opt-in alert system for important notifications, such as district announcements and weather-related closings/delays. You can choose to receive these via email, text, or both. Sign up at [www.cvcasd.stier.org](http://www.cvcasd.stier.org) (click "Register for School Closings/Alert Messages") or through the link on the district's mobile app.

### Stay Informed with District Alerts: Sign Up Today!

- **Step 1:** Log in or create an account.
- **Step 2:** Choose your notification preferences.
- **Step 3:** Ensure your contact details are up to date.



Scan for more information.

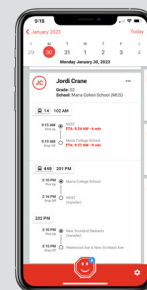


## CV Transportation - Stopfinder App

Stay updated with your child's transportation using the Stopfinder app! Access to the app is provided to designated contacts, who can share schedules with additional caregivers. If you haven't activated your account yet, check your email from CV Transportation sent on August 26, 2024. **For questions, contact 607-762-6850 or [transportation@cvcasd.stier.org](mailto:transportation@cvcasd.stier.org).**

### Stopfinder Key Features

- **Daily Schedule Access:** View your student's transportation schedule.
- **Caregiver Sharing:** Securely share the schedule with other caregivers.
- **Notifications:** Get real-time updates and alerts.
- **GeoAlert Tracking:** Receive location-based notifications.
- **Direct Messaging:** Contact the Transportation Department privately.
- **ETA Alerts:** Get Estimated Time of Arrival for your student's stop.



Visit page 4 for important school safety reminders.

## Chenango Valley Welcomes New Warrior Staff!



Photo from the August 2024 Mentor Program Orientation

The following Warrior staff members are either new to the district or have moved into new roles for the 2024-2025 school year:

### PORT DICKINSON ELEMENTARY

Mary Cornell - Teacher Aide  
McKenna Gill - 1st Grade Teacher  
Tori Goga - Teaching Assistant  
Michaela Hensel - LTS Teaching Assistant  
Marena Kline - 1st Grade Teacher  
Emma MacDonald - 1st Grade Teacher  
Luke McVicker - Cleaner  
April Meyer - Teacher Aide  
Charlene Smith - Teacher Aide  
Kristina Smith - Teaching Assistant

Hannah LaBarr - Teacher Aide  
Colleen Robbins - Teacher Aide  
Meghan Terry - Teacher Aide

### CV MIDDLE SCHOOL

Jacob Carpenter - 7th Grade Math Teacher  
Kari Crawford - School Counselor  
Wendy Haner - Teacher Aide  
Kaitlyn Ingraham - Teacher Aide  
Allison Krauss - 7th Grade Science Teacher  
Sean Lally - Teacher Aide  
Todd Martin - Technology Teacher  
Claire VanLaeken - 7th Grade Social Studies Teacher  
Edith Wallis - Teacher Aide

### CV HIGH SCHOOL

Irina Cron - Teaching Assistant  
Ryan Page - Social Studies Teacher  
Cody Usher - Special Education Teacher

### TRANSPORTATION

Joshua Braman - Driver  
Aaron Cass - Bus Monitor  
Victoria Delsanto - Driver  
Diana Karriker - Bus Monitor  
Kimberly Rice - Bus Monitor  
James Williams - Bus Monitor

### DISTRICTWIDE

Sophia Brown - Speech

### CHENANGO BRIDGE ELEMENTARY

Aiden Flaherty - 5th Grade  
Susan Hubbard - Special Education Teacher

**Say hello  
when you see  
them around  
school!**

\*Listing as of 9/4/24

## Message from the Superintendent

We are thrilled to have started the 2024-2025 school year! Our summer included significant capital improvement upgrades, especially to the middle/high school campus. These upgrades featured updated art, technology, robotics, and family and consumer science (FACS) rooms, along with new flooring, exterior doors, and classroom furniture. Both Port Dickinson Elementary and Chenango Bridge Elementary received updated elevator control systems and upgraded power generators in the event that power is lost.

Throughout all these updates, our custodial and maintenance teams prepared buildings and grounds that were clean, safe, secure, and welcoming for students and staff to return to.

Please visit the Family Resources webpage ([www.cvcsd.stier.org/Families.aspx](http://www.cvcsd.stier.org/Families.aspx)) on our district website to register for Parent Portal, sign up to receive school closing/delay alerts, and view additional ways to stay up to date with our district. Most importantly, if your contact information has changed or you are not receiving district updates via email, please reach out to our Director of Technology, Sarah Latimer, at 607-762-6820 or [SLatimer@cvcsd.stier.org](mailto:SLatimer@cvcsd.stier.org) to verify your contact information.

We're excited to introduce Stopfinder, a transportation app that provides real-time busing updates to your mobile device, including estimated arrival times and time-sensitive notifications. This app allows designated contacts to track their student's bus in real-time. Please visit [www.cvcsd.stier.org/Transportation.aspx](http://www.cvcsd.stier.org/Transportation.aspx) for more information on how to sign up if you haven't already. At the time I write this, we have over 200 families signed up for the app, and that number continues to grow.

As the school year progresses, we will also be examining the use of electronic devices in our middle and high schools. We'll be sharing more information soon, including opportunities for input through surveys and other feedback channels.

Finally, I encourage you to join our Chenango Valley Elementary PTA by going to [cve.memberhub.com](http://cve.memberhub.com). A membership is only \$5, and it's a great way to support their efforts, whether or not you have the time to volunteer. Even at the secondary level, these programs help our students as they move up from elementary school, and your membership will make a big difference.

Thank you for continuing to entrust the Chenango Valley Central School District with your students. It's a great year to be a Warrior!

Sincerely,



Dr. Larry Dake  
Superintendent of Schools



Dr. Larry Dake  
Superintendent

## Message from the Board of Education President

As the president of the Chenango Valley School Board, I would like to welcome all our new and returning students, faculty, staff, and administrators to the 2024-2025 school year! The start of the school year gives us the opportunity to reflect on our past accomplishments and move forward with our district's mission, vision, and core beliefs. We live in a wonderful community that supports our families, which was especially evident this past summer. I hope your summer was filled with exciting adventures and fun activities.

Lots of renovations took place again this summer in our schools. Our middle/high school was the most impacted by our capital improvement projects. These updates continue to enhance our facilities, making them even more enjoyable for all. With the many activities that take place on our campuses, I hope you have the chance to enjoy these beautiful spaces.

Once again, we offered excellent summer programming for our students, both on our campuses and in collaboration with Broome-Tioga BOCES. Our faculty and staff are passionate and committed to our students' growth – not only during the school year, but also during the summer months.

The district held another successful job fair in July, and remember that you can always find current job openings on the CV website. A community band concert was also held at Chenango Bridge Elementary in August. Although the weather forced it indoors, it didn't dampen the spirit of the event. Thank you to all who made these possible.

Back-to-school season evokes thoughts of new pencils, autumn leaves, and the return of sweater weather. Whether you're excited or easing into it, back-to-school is more than just a season—it's a feeling.

As a reminder to our school community, Chenango Valley Board of Education meetings are always open to the public. We encourage your attendance and participation. We are honored to serve our community and are always available to you.

We will continue to learn, explore, and grow together this coming school year. Here's to fresh starts and new beginnings!

Christine Lomonaco  
President, Chenango Valley Board of Education



Christine Lomonaco  
President, BOE



## Important School Safety Reminders

At Chenango Valley, the safety and well-being of our students and staff is always our top priority. As the school year progresses, we ask all families to take a moment to review these important safety guidelines to ensure that everyone is familiar with protocols.

- **Visitor Identification:** All visitors must present a photo ID and wear a school-issued identification badge during school hours.
- **Building Entry:** Visitors must use the main security entrance. Students and staff cannot allow access through any other doors.
- **Crisis Protocol:** In the event of a crisis, please avoid calling or rushing to the school, as this may interfere with emergency response efforts. Follow district communications for reunification details, as students will only be released to parents/caregivers or emergency contacts. Please ensure this information is up to date.
- **Emergency Dismissals:** Ensure your child knows what to do if they are sent home early due to an emergency or weather-related event.
- **Safety Priority:** The district prioritizes student and staff safety, with protocols in place from trained safety teams. We will keep you informed with timely updates.
- **"See Something, Say Something: Report it, Don't Repost it":** If you or your student see or hear something of concern—online or in person—report it immediately to a school official or law enforcement. Prompt reporting helps prevent incidents and keeps our schools safe. Circulating or reposting concerns without reporting makes it harder to address the issue.
- **Questions:** If you have any questions, please contact your student's building principal.

**Visit the district website for updates and additional information.**

## Supporting Your Student's Attendance for a Strong Start

Good attendance is the foundation for a successful school year! By focusing on regular attendance, you're helping your child thrive. Here are some practical tips to keep them on track and ready for learning:



### Establish a Routine

Help your child feel prepared and energized each day by setting a regular bedtime and morning routine. Consistency can help start each day on the right note.



### Prepare the Night Before

Mornings can be hectic, so laying out clothes and packing backpacks in the evening can help make things go smoothly.



### Create a Backup Plan

Sometimes, unexpected things come up. Have a plan for getting your child to school, like relying on a family member or neighbor when needed.



### Schedule Appointments Outside of School Hours

Whenever possible, plan non-urgent medical appointments and trips when school isn't in session to help minimize missed days.



### Address Worries Early

If your child is feeling anxious about school, reach out to their teacher or school counselor. They can offer support and help your child feel more comfortable.

*This information comes from AttendanceWorks.org. For more resources on supporting student attendance, visit their website!*

## THANK YOU, CV COMMUNITY!

Your generous donations of school supplies this August were greatly appreciated.

Need supplies? Chenango Valley families can reach out to their school's guidance office for assistance.

Learn more about our Community School efforts on the district website.

## Warrior Fund Receives Generous Support

We're grateful to announce a \$3,830 donation to the Chenango Valley Warrior Fund from Jon L. Myers and Associates, Ameriprise Financial, raised through their annual golf tournament. This gift, in honor of CV graduate Christine Mohr, will directly support CV students and families in need.

## You Can Help Make a Difference, Too!

Scan the QR code to visit our district website and learn more about how you can support the Warrior Fund and help us continue to empower our students and families.



## GO WARRIORS!

### 2024-2025 SPORTS SCHEDULES:

[www.cvcasd.stier.org/Athletics.aspx](http://www.cvcasd.stier.org/Athletics.aspx)

Stay tuned for  
future highlights!



## Where Are They Swimming Now?

Coach Frayer is excited to share where some of our recent graduates are making waves in college:

- **Barry University:** Jenna Beck
- **Binghamton University:** Elijah Lanfear, Miranda Rogers (Diving), Amir Sadykov, Michael Schultz, Tyler Schultz
- **Canisius College:** Lucas Hoyt
- **SUNY Cortland:** Alex Hilldale
- **SUNY Oneonta:** Destiny Duckworth
- **SUNY Oswego:** Fin Dolaway
- **SUNY New Paltz:** Sophia Bucci

## SAVE THE DATE

## RALLY IN THE VALLEY 2024

OCTOBER 9 6-8 PM CVHS STADIUM

*Weather permitting – updates will be communicated if necessary.*

### This year's event will feature:



**Music and Refreshments**



**Battle of the Teams** – Watch CV fall sports teams compete in lawn games on the stadium field!



**Parade of Fall Sports Teams** – Around 7:50 PM

Pre-ordered a CV Athletic Club T-shirt?

Make sure to pick it up at the event!

**DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR RED/GRAY!**  
*Students must be accompanied by adults.*



## Inspiring Learning, Growth, and Fun All Summer Long!

This summer was packed with laughter, learning, and new experiences! From hands-on STEAM projects to the Warrior Welcome for kindergarteners, these programs and activities focused on growth, discovery, and fun. Students explored new interests and built lasting friendships along the way. Visit the district website to see additional pictures and learn more about these programs.



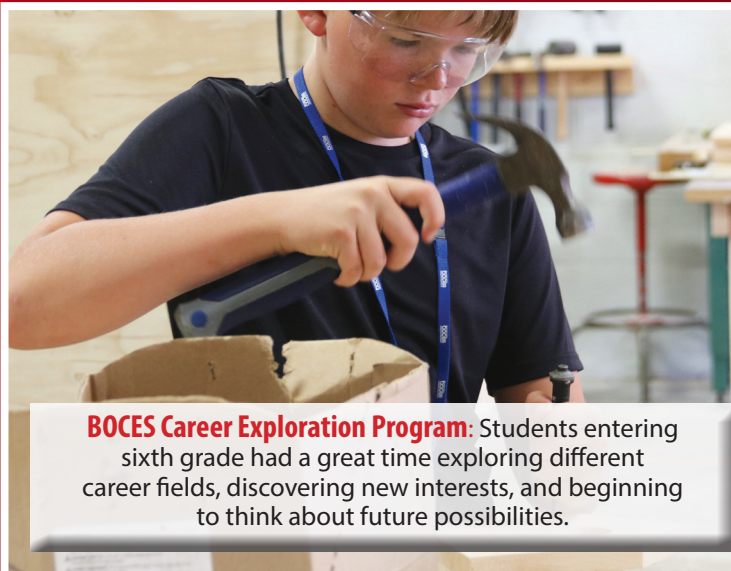
**CV Elementary Summer STEAM:** With a Summer Olympics theme, the CV Elementary Summer STEAM program gave students entering grades 1-6 the chance to engage in hands-on, project-based learning with CV educators.



**Warrior Academy:** The CV Athletics Warrior Academy strength and conditioning program focused on building growth, endurance, and resilience. It encouraged athletes to develop both mentally and physically.



**BOCES Summer STEAM:** The Broome-Tioga BOCES Summer STEAM Academy offered an exciting, hands-on learning experience for students entering grades 7-10, with activities split between the BOCES campus and SUNY Broome.



**BOCES Career Exploration Program:** Students entering sixth grade had a great time exploring different career fields, discovering new interests, and beginning to think about future possibilities.



**Warrior Welcome:** In August, Port Dickinson Elementary gave kindergarten students a warm "Warrior Welcome." Activities helped students meet their teachers, learn routines, and make new friends!



**CV Summer Community Band:** Students, staff, alumni, parents, and community members practiced together over the summer and delivered a fantastic concert on August 8, bringing the community together through music.





## NYSEG Donates Energy Kits

Chenango Bridge Elementary is grateful to NYSEG for donating energy conservation kits for our fifth grade students!

Each kit includes useful items such as weather stripping, LED bulbs, low-flow adapters, and more. A big THANK YOU to NYSEG for helping to promote energy conservation!

## CV Students Shine at Colorscape Chenango Student Art Show

Congratulations to the CV student artists recognized in the Colorscape Chenango Student Art Show, including a Best in Show winner! Special honors were awarded to Arin Miller and Alaina Hamilton, recipients of the Francis K. Wilcox Emerging Young Artist Scholarship, who hosted their own booths at the Colorscape Festival.

*Note: Artwork was submitted from the previous school year and may reflect the students' former grade levels.*

**Best in Show:** A special congratulations to Haley Trisket, who was awarded Best in Show!

### Graphics Category

Grades 7-9

1st Place: Sydney Keough  
2nd Place: Vincent Williams  
3rd Place: Jack Stiles

### Painting Category

Grades 7-9

1st Place: Isaac Driesbaugh

Grades 10-12

1st Place: Kenna Wales  
3rd Place: Madilyn Robertson

### Drawing Category

Grades 7-9

1st Place: Abigail Herceg  
3rd Place: Jack Stiles

Grades 10-12

1st Place: Lauren Vesci  
2nd Place: Tony Zheng  
3rd Place: Aubrey Staub

3D Category

Grades 10-12

1st Place: Nor Kruser



Haley Trisket  
Best in Show



Arin Miller and Alaina Hamilton  
Scholarship Recipients

## Student Photography/Media Opt-Out

At times, students may be photographed or filmed by news reporters, district staff, or community partners during school programs and activities. These photos or videos may be used in publications, websites, or informational materials.



### Opt-Out Information:

- **Don't want your child photographed or filmed for publications?**  
Contact the CV Communications Office at 607-762-6804 to request a Media Opt-Out Form.
- **Important Note:**  
While we do our best to honor your request, some situations may be beyond our control. We recommend discussing your preferences with your child.
- **Student Work:**  
If you prefer not to have your child's work (i.e., art projects) displayed on the district website, contact the Communications Office at the number listed above.



## Important Message Regarding Nut Allergies

Some students in Chenango Valley schools have life-threatening allergies to nuts, peanuts, and peanut products. Strict avoidance is the only way to prevent an allergic reaction.

### Help Keep Our Students Safe:

- Do not send any foods containing nuts, peanuts, or peanut butter for snacks.
- Nut products are allowed in packed lunches but must be consumed only in the cafeteria.
- No nut products in classrooms, hallways, buses, sporting events, or field trips.

Thanks for your understanding and cooperation in keeping all students safe!

# CV Craft Fair 2024

Proceeds from the event will benefit both the Class of 2025 and the CV Warrior Fund.

**Saturday, November 16**

**9 AM - 3 PM**

**CV Middle/High School Gyms  
(221 Chenango Bridge Road)**

**118+ Vendors**

**Wide Variety of Handmade Products**

**Onsite Concessions... AND MORE!**



The show is full at this time and not accepting additional vendors.

**Questions? Contact Christine Lomonaco:**  
**CLomonaco@cvcasd.stier.org**



## Capital Project Update: Enhancing Our Schools

The Capital Improvements Project approved in 2021 is nearing completion. Major upgrades were made over the summer to improve school facilities, particularly at the CV Middle/High School. Here's a look at the key updates:

### CV Middle/High School Key Renovations

*A focus on modernizing learning spaces for creativity and hands-on learning.*

- New art, family & consumer science (FACS), and technology classrooms were renovated on the first floor.
- The former second floor art rooms were transformed into general classroom spaces.

Although there were still some finishing touches to further enhance the spaces, students and staff were able to use the new classroom spaces at the start of the school year.



### Additional Upgrades in the CV Middle/High School

*The building received a variety of essential updates:*

- New chiller installed to improve cooling efficiency.
- New flooring in the cafeterias and miscellaneous spaces.
- Classroom furniture replaced throughout the school.
- Pool filtration system replaced for better water quality.
  - At the time of printing this newsletter, we are working to repair the pool pump, which should be operational soon.
  - The district is also exploring solutions to address issues with the dive tank drain line to get it up and running again as soon as possible.

Visit the district  
website for more  
information and photos.



### Enhancements at the Elementary Schools

*Our elementary schools received several critical upgrades to improve safety and functionality:*

- Elevator upgrades to enhance accessibility for students and staff.
- New generators installed to ensure the buildings can maintain full power during outages, ensuring safety and uninterrupted operations.

### Outdoor Learning Center at Port Dickinson Elementary

*Construction of the Outdoor Learning Center at PD Elementary is underway! This space, similar to the one at the CV Middle/High School, will provide students with opportunities for nature-based learning and outdoor activities.*

- Location: Adjacent to the PD Elementary pond, offering easy access to outdoor experiences.
- Expected completion: November 2024.



### Looking Ahead

The Capital Improvements Project approved in 2021 has made important upgrades throughout our schools, from modernized classrooms to essential infrastructure improvements. We're excited to see how these changes will benefit our students and staff for years to come.

## District Policies

A comprehensive list of Chenango Valley Central School District policies, along with routine policy updates, is available on the district website: [www.cvcسد.stier.org/PolicyManual.aspx](http://www.cvcسد.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.



**SCAN HERE**

DISTRICT	SCHOOLS	DEPARTMENTS	FAMILIES	STUDENTS	STAFF	COMMUNITY
<b>Policy Manual</b>						
<b>Find It Fast</b>			<b>NOTE:</b> The date in parentheses after each policy indicates the date the policy was either first adopted, or last reviewed/revisted. Policy numbers that are not included in sections have been previously repealed.			
<b>Athletics</b>						
<b>Budget &amp; Taxes</b>						
<b>Curriculum &amp; Instruction</b>						
<b>Newscaster</b>						
			<b>Section III Staff Selection &amp; Appointment</b>			
			III-1: Non-teaching Staff Appointment (2/22)			
			III-2: Teaching Staff Selection & Appointment (2/22)			
			III-3: Corporal Punishment (7/23)			
			III-4: Reporting Child Abuse (3/22)			
			III-5: BOE Appt & Training-Special Ed Personnel (3/22)			
			<b>Section I Operation &amp; Organization of the Board</b>			
			I-1: Board of the Board of Education (11/23)			

**www.cvcسد.stier.org/PolicyManual.aspx**

## 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 607-762-6810 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 has completed the 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, and surveillance.

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 facilities office. If you would like further information regarding this matter, please contact the Chenango Valley Facilities and Operations Department at 607-762-6860.

## 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 the Chenango Valley Facilities and Operations Department at 607-762-6860.

### Title IX Coordinators

**Michelle Feyereabend, Assistant Superintendent of Schools**  
MFeyereabend@cvcسد.stier.org | 607-762-6811

**Johanna Hickey, Director of Pupil Services**  
JHickey@cvcسد.stier.org | 607-762-6918

**Sarah Latimer, Director of Technology**  
SLatimer@cvcسد.stier.org | 607-762-6820

### Medicaid Compliance Officer

**Tara Williams Whittaker, Director of Special Education**  
TWhittaker@cvcسد.stier.org | 607-762-6830

**Business address for each:**  
221 Chenango Bridge Rd.  
Binghamton, NY 13901



## Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy

- The Chenango Valley Central School District (district) recognizes the harmful and insidious nature of harassment and discrimination on the basis of a protected characteristic, which includes, but is not limited to race, skin color, national origin, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or veteran status, and the toll that harassment can have on employees, staff, students, vendors, and visitors to the district's buildings, grounds, and facilities.
- The district is fully committed to maintaining an educational environment that is free from all forms of harassment and discrimination that are prohibited by law.
- In keeping with this commitment, the district prohibits any harassment or discrimination that occurs at school, school-related functions, on school grounds, or on school transportation, whether perpetrated by or against the district's students, employees, staff, vendors, or visitors to the district's buildings, grounds, or facilities.
- This policy applies to the actions of the district's staff or employees, students and third parties (such as vendors, visitors, coaches, advisors, volunteers and parents) while the student is at school, a school function, on school grounds or on school transportation.
- Any student, employee, agent or official of the district who has witnessed behavior at school or at a school-related function that he/she, in good faith, believes is harassment or discrimination should immediately report it to a teacher, guidance counselor, school nurse, school psychologist supervisor, an assistant principal, a principal, the Assistant Superintendent (who is the Title IX coordinator), or Superintendent. Any employee of the district who has witnessed or received a report of such behavior shall immediately report said behavior to the Title IX coordinator.
- The district will promptly investigate all reports of discrimination and harassment and, pursuant to the results of the investigation, will take appropriate disciplinary and/or corrective action that is in accordance with applicable laws, rules, regulations, and/or collective bargaining agreements.
- The district prohibits any retaliation against persons who have made good faith reports of harassment or discrimination and/or who have participated in any investigation of harassment complaints.

### Harassment on the Basis of a Protected Characteristic

It is the district's policy to provide an educational environment that is free from all forms of harassment and discrimination that are prohibited by law. Harassment on the basis of any protected characteristic is strictly prohibited by law and this policy.

Under this policy, harassment is verbal or physical conduct that denigrates or shows hostility or aversion toward an individual because of his/her actual or perceived sex, race, color, national origin, creed, religion, marital status, age or disability, military status, sexual orientation, gender (identity, expression), predisposing genetic characteristic, ethnic group, religious practice, or weight, as mandated by the Dignity for All Students Act, or any other characteristic protected by law or that of his/her relatives, friends, or associates, and that: (i) has the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational and/or working environment; (ii) has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's educational experience and/or work performance; or (iii) otherwise adversely affects an individual's educational and/or employment opportunities.

Harassing conduct includes, but is not limited to:

- epithets, slurs, name calling, negative stereotyping, or offensive slang;
- threatening, intimidating, or hostile acts;
- jokes and/or displays or circulation of any written or graphic material (such as signs, pictures or cartoons) that denigrates or intimidates an individual, or shows hostility or aversion toward an individual or group (including via electronic communication, outlined in our Computer Usage Policy;
- pushing, shoving, threats, or other intentional acts perpetrated in whole or in part because of the victim's protected status;
- mimicking or mocking another's speech, accent, disability or behavior.

### Scope of Policy

This policy covers conduct at school, at school-sponsored events/functions/conferences on or off school grounds or on school transportation.

### Timely Reporting: Complaint Procedure

An important objective of this policy is to prevent harassing conduct that unreasonably interferes with a student's or employee's educational/work environment or is intimidating, hostile or offensive. It is therefore essential and required that students and employees immediately report conduct which they believe is in violation of this policy. Such timely reporting is necessary so that a complaint can be investigated while information is most available, so that a problem can be remedied before a harassing situation develops, and so that the district can avoid the spread of harmful rumors.

Any student who believes that he/she has been subjected to conduct that is in violation of this policy should immediately report the facts of the incident and the name of the individuals involved to a teacher, guidance counselor, school nurse, school psychologist, assistant principal, principal, Assistant Superintendent or Superintendent.

Any employee, agent, or official of the district who believes that he or she has been subjected to conduct in violation of this policy should report the facts of the incident and the name of the individuals involved to his/her immediate supervisor or, in the alternative, to the Assistant Superintendent. If, for any reason, an employee, agent, or official of the district would prefer not to make the report to these individuals, the employee should report the conduct to the Superintendent.

Any employee who observes or receives a report of harassment or discrimination of another student, employee, agent, official, vendor, or visitor of the district's buildings or grounds must immediately report the harassment to one of the persons listed above.

### Investigation of Complaints

The district's policy is to investigate all reported incidents thoroughly, promptly, and in a discrete manner, and will do so in accordance with the investigative procedures set forth in Section III, Policy No. 12 of the District Policy Manual. The district recognizes that every investigation requires a determination based on all of the facts in the matter, and that all parties to the investigation should have an equal opportunity to present evidence and witnesses for the investigator's consideration. The district also recognizes the serious impact that a false accusation can have and trust that all students, employees, agents and officials will act responsibly when making complaints. The final determination of any incident will be reported to the Superintendent, and the parties to the investigation will be notified regarding whether or not corrective action was taken.

### Sanctions for Violations of this Policy

The district expects all employees and students to be aware of this policy and to abide by it at all times. If an investigation confirms that harassment has taken place, the district will take appropriate corrective and/or disciplinary action in accordance with the applicable laws, rules, regulations and collective bargaining agreements. Such corrective and/or disciplinary action may include counseling, reprimand, suspension, and/or termination of the offending party's employment (if the violator is a staff member or employee of the district) or suspension from school (if the violator is a student).

### Bad Faith Complaints

Although the district encourages the reporting of harassment, students and the district's staff and employees must recognize that complaints made in bad faith (such as when the complainant knows that the complaint is false) can have a serious impact on other students and/or employees of the district, who may experience adverse employment action and also suffer a compromise in their reputation. In addition, bad faith complaints of harassment disrupt the school and waste resources by triggering lengthy and potentially time consuming investigations.

It is therefore misconduct, under this policy, for a student or staff member to make complaints of harassment in bad faith and doing so may result in corrective or disciplinary action taken against the complainant. For the purposes of this policy, complaints are made in bad faith then the complainant: (a) makes the complaint solely harm, injure, degrade, defame or embarrass another person; (b) knows that the complaint is false; and/or (c) acts with reckless disregard to the truth when making the complaint.

### Confidentiality

When investigating harassment complaints, the district will maintain confidentiality to the extent that the district considers practicable, appropriate and necessary in order to meet the purposes of investigating and responding to harassment complaints and in order to achieve the other objectives of this policy.

### Retaliation is Strictly Prohibited

The district strictly prohibits any district supervisor, employee, agent, official or student from retaliating against anyone who makes a good faith report of harassment or participates in an investigation under this policy. Any district supervisor, employee, agent, official or student who violates this provision of the policy will be subject to appropriate discipline, in accordance with applicable laws, rules, regulations and collective bargaining agreements. Such discipline may include counseling, reprimand, suspension, and/or termination of employment (if the violator is a staff member or employee of the district) or suspension from school (if the violator is a student).

### Title IX Coordinator

The Assistant Superintendent is designated as the Title IX Coordinator of this policy. Teachers, principals, assistant principals and any other employee or staff member who receives a complaint under this policy or who observes a violation of this policy must report such complaint or observation immediately to the Assistant Superintendent. The investigation of all violations of this policy and of all complaints filed under this policy shall be the responsibility of the Assistant Superintendent.

### Publication

The district shall promulgate this policy as follows:

- A copy of this policy shall be provided to each employee, agent or official on the first payday of each September. With respect to an employee, agent or official who is hired during the school year, this policy shall be provided to the employee, agent or official after the Board of Education has appointed the employee, agent or official.
- This policy shall be included in the Student Handbook and in the School Calendar.
- This policy shall be provided annually to the president of each bargaining unit.
- This policy shall be published annually in the district's newsletter.
- This policy shall be published on the district's website.
- The name, email address, business address and telephone number of the district's Title IX Coordinator shall be published in the Student Handbook, in the district's newsletter and on the district's website.

### Policy Review

The district shall, on an annual basis, provide for a review of this policy with all of its employees, agents, and officials.

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

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