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Good morning! In today's world, information is sent out through a variety of methods. My hope is that this mailing will reach even more community members so you are up to date on the things we are accomplishing this year within the Bridgeport Exempted Village School District. If you happen to have a smartphone, you can also access our district information by downloading our district app through a Bridgeport School District search on your iPhone or Android device. We use this app to send out daily and weekly reminders of what is happening in our school district, plus you can follow us on Twitter at [@bpt_bulldogs](https://twitter.com/bpt_bulldogs), and finally you can visit our website at bridgeportschools.net.

My administrative team and the Board of Education are very proud of everything that has been accomplished within the district, and below you will find a list of achievements for the 2019-2020 school year which demonstrates those positive happenings.

1. Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine granted our district \$174,874 for the 2019-2020 school year for Wellness and Success funding that enabled us to hire an additional mental health therapist for our middle and high school students, hire a nurse practitioner for one day a week to offer health care to all students, and to continue our partnership with Kendal Behavior Solutions so we may meet the needs of all students.
2. For our teachers, we have continued focusing on technology in the classroom to meet the needs of the students and have furthered our training in our reading programs for grades PreK-8.
3. We have restructured positions for our custodians for increased efficiency and cleanliness and have also trained three bus drivers this year. In January, we also began our trial run of serving free breakfast to students in grades K-12.
4. Bridgeport received some additional grant money totaling \$27,478.50 towards the purchase of new custodial cleaning equipment and \$12,316 from the Mental Health and Recovery Board serving Belmont, Harrison and Monroe Counties.

Finally, the district and Board of Education are taking the necessary steps to obtain another opinion on whether Perkins Field is still usable for varsity athletic events. As many of you are aware, the grandstand and concession stand were demolished in July of 2019 due to safety concerns. Recently, the board started the process for a flood study which will be followed by a geotechnical review to ensure the soil is adequate to support homestand bleachers. If we get approval from our local flood plain coordinator and the state, the Board of Education will put efforts towards rebuilding at that site. While we have no official timeline to begin playing games again at our home facility, we are optimistic that we will get approval to rebuild. Proactively, the Board of Education has notified landowners next to the school campus that we have decided not to move forward with the eminent domain process.

Our hope is that this letter has brought you up to speed on the positivity that is occurring within the Bridgeport Exempted Village School District.

Thank you,

Brent Ripley
Superintendent
Bridgeport Exempted Village School District