

December 6, 2023

Dear Black River Community,

With the holiday season upon us all, it is exciting to celebrate the amazing school and community that we have here at Black River. This letter comes to you as a celebration of our school as well as a reminder that we appreciate the continued kindness and support from all of you.

Families choose BR for many reasons. Whether it be our challenging academic standards, our small school approach to student support, our amazing Montessori elementary school or the incredible scholarships that our students earn for college, our focus always comes back to our mission. We often quote the first statement, "to prepare each student for college and for life" as our mission, but that statement is only a part of what we strive to do for our kids.

If it has been a while since you have taken a moment to read our mission statement, it is worthwhile to take a look. You can find it on our website, here: <https://www.blackriverpublicschool.org/Content2/mission>. In it, the founders of our school state that, "we believe the school's responsibility in education is to bring curiosity, challenge, pleasure and a sense of accomplishment into our students' lives." And that, "through a deep respect for independent thinking, we strive to guide our students in their personal growth toward a genuine self-knowledge so that they can achieve their full human potential" and so much more.

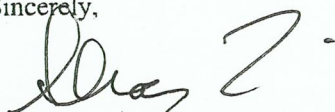
Black River is truly dedicated to the thoughts shared in our school's mission. It is our hope that these elements of school focus are readily evident in every school day for every child. It is also important to note that while we have done incredible things for kids with this at the heart of our work, it is also a difficult thing to do given the fact that as a charter school, we do not receive any of the local millage dollars that traditional public school districts receive for their facilities and other important things.


We ask that you would please consider contributing to our school to help us with some important needs. We would like to use any extra dollars that you may provide for practical improvements to our aging facilities to keep our campus beautiful, functional and safe. Examples of these may include renovations of entryways, replacement of worn carpeting or other needs that cannot be overlooked.

Black River Public School is a non-profit 501(c)(3) public school academy. All gifts to the school are tax deductible. The school is able to accept checks to Black River Public School and also has an online payment option here: <https://ottawami.infinitecampus.org/campus/store/blackriver>

Please know how much you are appreciated as a part of our Black River community. This school exists because families have decided to make a choice about their children's education. It is an honor to be a part of this amazing school and to serve the students who come through our doors each day.

Sincerely,


Shannon Brunink
Head of School


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President, Board of Trustees