



THE INSIDE VIEW

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RGHS CLASS OF 2023 SHOWS UP AND SHOWS OUT AT COMMENCEMENT

The Class of 2023 celebrated the new view on their horizon at Riverview Gardens High School's 2023 Commencement Ceremony. Graduating scholars, District staff, family and friends attended the ceremony on the campus of the University of Missouri - St. Louis on Thursday, May 25.

The RGHS community was treated with musical performances, speeches, scholarship presentations and, most importantly, the presentation of diplomas.

Congratulations to all the amazing graduating scholars from the Class of 2023. To [view the replay](#) of the ceremony, visit the Riverview Gardens School District's [YouTube page](#) - @RGSDSchools.

RIVERVIEW GARDENS SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



IMPORTANT DATES

- 06/13 FIRST DAY OF SUMMER SCHOOL
- 06/19 JUNETEENTH DISTRICT CLOSED
- 06/20 BUDGET WORKSHOP | 6PM
- 06/22 CAREER FAIR | 4PM
- 06/27 SAB MEETING | 7PM
- 07/04 FOURTH OF JULY DISTRICT CLOSED



[View/Download the Class of 2023's Commencement Photos](#)



LIKE A GOOD NEIGHBOR... RGSD RECRUITING IN THE COMMUNITY AT JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

On Saturday, June 17, the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors hosted its Juneteenth Celebration at the Bellefontaine Neighbors Recreation Center. The event featured trivia, talent shows, vendor displays, food trucks, a petting zoo, and live entertainment.

Antwon Blakemore, Human Resources recruiter, attended the event. Blakemore recruited candidates to join the amazing faculty and staff for Riverview Gardens School District.

Interested candidates received information about current positions across the district and how to register for upcoming career & hiring fairs. Candidates can also apply online at rgsdmo.org/jobs or attend one of the District's career & hiring fairs.



BULLETIN BOARD



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REGISTER FOR SCHOOL

Open Registration
Begins July 1

School Starts
on August 21, 2023

For more information please visit:
<https://rgsdmo.org/register>

RGSD IS HIRING!

We have been looking for you.
Be a part of our amazing team.

- Teachers
- Instructional Assistants
- Administration
- Clerical
- Electrician
- Custodial
- Food Service
- Social Workers
- Painter
- District Safety Officers

rgsdmo.org/jobs

The Riverview Gardens School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex in its education programs and activities, including employment and admissions, as required by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). All forms of sex-based discrimination are prohibited in the district, but this policy focuses exclusively on sexual harassment as defined in Title IX that occurs within the education programs and activities of the district. However, the district will respond promptly to investigate and address any report or complaint of sexual harassment.



**Special Administrative
Board Meeting**
7:00 p.m.

JUNE 27 & JULY 11
1370 NORTHUMBERLAND DR.

**ANNUAL
BACK TO
SCHOOL BASH**

AUGUST 1
6-8 PM

RIVERVIEW GARDENS HIGH SCHOOL

Scholars must be registered
for the 2023-2024 school
year in order to receive food
truck tickets. 🚚

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TRAVIS FORD SR. NAMED ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Travis Ford Sr. was named the assistant superintendent of Human Resources by the Riverview Gardens School District's Special Administrative Board.

Ford will serve as the District's chief HR administrator. He will provide oversight in recruiting, employee evaluation, monitoring staff certifications, maintaining personnel records and more. Ford will also serve as the District's chief compliance officer and Title IX coordinator for employee relations.

"Travis Ford Sr. has proven to be an exceptional leader with a track record of excellence," stated Superintendent Joylynn Pruitt-Adams, Ed.D. "He is a skilled relationship-builder and a results-driven administrator who will do a great job leading the Human Resources department."

JARITA WILLIAMS NAMED PRINCIPAL OF LEWIS & CLARK

Riverview Gardens School District announced the appointment of Jarita Williams as principal of Lewis & Clark Elementary School for the 2023-2024 school year.

Williams will provide instructional leadership and direction, establish a safe, positive and academically-focused environment and address the educational needs for scholars at Lewis & Clark.

She is a skilled and experienced educator and administrator who has served as an assistant principal at Westview Middle School since 2014. Prior to serving as a building administrator, Williams served in various instructional roles in RGSD from 2007-2014.



KEESHA FIFE JOINS KOCH ELEMENTARY AS PRINCIPAL

Keesha Fife, the current principal at Lewis & Clark Elementary, has been selected to serve as principal at Koch Elementary School for the 2023-24 school year.

Fife is an accomplished teacher and administrator with extensive experience in curriculum development with data-driven, measurable results.



"I am confident that Ms. Williams and Ms. Fife will thrive in their new roles," said Superintendent Joylynn Pruitt-Adams, Ed.D. "Both are capable, driven and dedicated leaders that will help guide continuous improvement to their respective schools as principals."

DR. CEDRIC GERALD NAMED WESTVIEW MIDDLE PRINCIPAL FOR SY23/24

Riverview Gardens School District is excited to announce the appointment of Cedric Gerald, Ed.D., as principal of Westview Middle School for the 2023-2024 school year.

Gerald will lead the effort to establish and maintain a safe, positive, academically focused environment that is welcoming to scholars, teachers, parents, and the community.

Gerald currently serves as the principal of McCluer High School in the Ferguson-Florissant School District. He previously served as an administrator and teacher in North Carolina.



WILLIAM GIVENS NAMED ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AT WESTVIEW MIDDLE



Riverview Gardens School District is excited to announce the appointment of Williams Givens, Ed.S., as assistant principal of Westview Middle School for the 2023-2024 school year.

Givens will join the Westview Middle School administration team and support incoming principal Cedric Gerald. He will support the effort to establish and maintains a safe, positive, academically focused environment that is welcoming to scholars, teachers, parents, and the community.

He will work to support teachers in maintaining instructional student achievement. He will also supervise scholars, teachers, and auxiliary personnel and demonstrate instructional leadership through staff development and evaluation of certificated and support staff.

AYANNA FLOWERS NAMED COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST I

Riverview Gardens School District announced that Ayanna Flowers will join the Communications department to serve as the Communications Specialist I.

Flowers will collaborate with schools and departments to expand and enhance weekly and monthly newsletters. She will also assist with recording, editing and producing multimedia content including videos, podcasts and graphics used to promote the District.

She will work collaboratively with the executive director of Communications on media, public relations and social media strategies.



A NEW VIEW ON THE HORIZON

By Dr. Joylynn Pruitt-Adams, Superintendent



Greetings RGSD Family,

Summer has finally arrived! I'm extremely proud of all of our scholars, teachers, staff members, parents, community partners and others who continued to push through the challenges, trials and tribulations of the 2022-2023 school year.

Last month, I described many of the wonderful successes of the 2022-2023 school year. Now that summer is here, the work has started to make the 2023-2024 school year the best yet in the Riverview Gardens School District.

We are grateful for the continued partnership with Solution Tree. Improving the District's Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) is critical to making the academic gains required to regain full accreditation. We are revising the District's Continuous School Improvement Plan (CSIP) to focus on Equity, Competency-Based Learning, Restorative Practices and Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS).

Many schools and grade levels witnessed improvements in reading proficiency from the Fall semester to the Spring semester. Therefore, the District has added literacy labs in each school to help continued and sustained gains in English Language Arts.

Of course, RGSD must recruit and retain quality teachers and staff to ensure that we provide the best education possible for our scholars. We welcome Travis Ford Sr., the incoming assistant superintendent of Human Resources. Ford provided tremendous leadership as the principal of Highland Elementary. I am confident that his effective leadership will help the District navigate through a challenging recruiting period.

Due to increased advertising, media coverage, enhanced recruiting efforts and regular career fairs, the District continues to fill its vacancies. RGSD will bring 27 veteran teachers from overseas to fill teaching vacancies. We will continue to be intentional and innovative to bring and keep highly-qualified and capable candidates in the Riverview Gardens School District.

Lastly, I would like to take an opportunity to thank the Royal Vagabonds Foundation for honoring me with the Dr. Henry Givens, Jr. Leadership Award for Excellence in Education at the 12th Annual Leadership Awards Luncheon on Saturday, June 17.

As a graduate of Harris-Stowe State College (now Harris-Stowe State University), it is an honor to receive an award in the name of Dr. Givens. Dr. Givens is an icon in education and served as a mentor as I navigated my way through the educational ranks as a teacher, principal, administrator and superintendent.

Congratulations to all the outstanding, powerful and impactful women who were honored at the Royal Vagabonds event. I hope to collaborate with each of you to help RGSD, and the greater St. Louis region reach the new view on the horizon.

