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The Chariho Regional School District presents...

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## SEEKING MENTEES and MENTORS!!



We are currently seeking referrals for mentees and taking applications for mentors. Mentees should be 5th-12th grade students attending Chariho Regional Middle School (CMS), Chariho Regional High School (CHS) or Chariho Alternative Learning Academy (CALA).

**Deadline to apply:** April 16th preferred,  
rolling submissions always accepted

### Why become a CHILL Mentor?

- Make a positive and meaningful impact on a student's life
- Give back to your community

### What are CHILL Mentor program expectations?

- Commit to being a mentor for the '20-'21 school year
- Attend a virtual mentor training/orientation in late April
- Attend virtual CHILL mentor/mentee meetings
- Connect at least 3 hours a month with your mentee
- Reside in one of the Chariho member towns or another Southern Rhode Island community



**EVERY STUDENT NEEDS A CHAMPION...  
THAT CHAMPION COULD BE YOU!**

To learn more and to **APPLY** to become a mentee or mentor, visit:

<https://www.chariho.k12.ri.us/mentoring>

**Chariho Regional School District Staff are encouraged to apply as mentors**



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April 5, 2021

Senator Dennis Algieri  
6 Elm Street  
Westerly, RI 02891

Representative Brian Patrick Kennedy  
Speaker Pro Tempore  
PO Box 1001  
Ashaway, RI 02804

Dear Senator Algieri and Representative Kennedy:

I very much appreciated the time you provided us yesterday. As we discussed, with the implementation of the new funding formula nearly ten years ago, the intent of the legislature was for the State to equally split transportation costs with the regional school districts to partially replace aid lost because of the elimination of the regional bonus. The intent is detailed in The Education Equity and Property Tax Relief Act (16-7.2-6).

If the intent of the legislation was honored, Chariho would receive at least \$1,795,665 in transportation categorical aid in FY22. Unfortunately, the Governor's FY22 Budget allocates \$1,543,675 in transportation categorical aid to Chariho, leaving a funding gap of \$251,990. It is my hope that the legislature might consider increasing the allocation of transportation categorical aid to Chariho and the other regional districts.

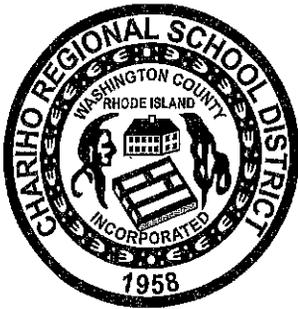
Please know that your efforts on behalf of Chariho and the taxpayers of the three-member towns are appreciated.

Sincerely,

Gina Picard  
Superintendent of Schools  
cc: Chariho School Committee

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT  
 APR 09 2021

TO: Gina Picard  
 FROM: Kristen Merritt  
 DATE: April 9, 2021  
 SUBJECT: Staff Update

**Coach appointments  
 pending season approved by  
 RIIL/State of RI**

Name	Position	Reason
Dolores Sousa Andrews	Native American Student Advocate/Liaison – High School	Resignation effective 4/3/2021
Katharine Kirakosian	Native American Student Advocate/Liaison – High School	Appointment effective 4/9/2021 through June 25, 2021
Thomas Brusseau	District Custodian – High School	Retirement effective 5/1/2021
Erin Healey	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Advisory Redesign Team Member - High School/CTC	Appointment effective 4/1/2021 through 6/30/2021
Martha Dion	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Advisory Redesign Team Member - High School/CTC	Appointment effective 4/1/2021 through 6/30/2021
John Devereaux	Baseball, Head Coach – High School	Re-appointment effective 4/26/2021 through 6/30/2021
Joshua Silva	Baseball, Assistant Coach – High School	Re-appointment effective 4/26/2021 through 6/30/2021
Elizabeth Caggiano	Softball, Head Coach – High School	Re-appointment effective 4/26/2021 through 6/30/2021
Shawn Cole	Boys Volleyball, Assistant Coach – High School	Re-appointment effective 4/26/2021 through 6/30/2021
Daniel Hansen	Boys Tennis, Head Coach – High School	Re-appointment effective 4/26/2021

		through 6/30/2021
Briana Clift	Boys Tennis, Assistant Coach – High School	Re-appointment effective 4/26/2021 through 6/30/2021
William Haberek	Boys Track, Head Coach – High School	Re-appointment effective 4/26/2021 through 6/30/2021
Keith Croteau	Boys Track, Assistant Coach – High School	Re-appointment effective 4/26/2021 through 6/30/2021
Andrew Fales	Girls Track, Assistant Coach – High School	Re-appointment effective 4/26/2021 through 6/30/2021
Stephen Blessing	Golf Coach – High School	Re-appointment effective 4/26/2021 through 6/30/2021
Brittney Godbout	Girls Lacrosse, Head Coach – High School	Re-appointment effective 4/26/2021 through 6/30/2021
Jessica Hannegan	Girls Lacrosse, Assistant Coach – High School	Re-appointment effective 4/26/2021 through 6/30/2021
Ryan Meade	Boys Lacrosse, Head Coach – High School	Re-appointment effective 4/26/2021 through 6/30/2021
Timothy Lyons	Boys Lacrosse, Assistant Coach – High School	Appointment effective 4/26/2021 through 6/30/2021
Scott Merritt	Wrestling, Head Coach – High School	Re-appointment effective 4/26/2021 through 6/30/2021
Derek Adams	Wrestling, Assistant Coach – High School	Re-appointment effective 4/26/2021 through 6/30/2021
Zachary Classey	Baseball, Assistant Coach – Middle School	Re-appointment effective 4/26/2021 through 6/30/2021
Patricia Turner	Softball, Head Coach – Middle School	Re-appointment effective 4/26/2021 through 6/30/2021
Meghan Baxter	Softball, Assistant Coach – Middle School	Re-appointment effective 4/26/2021 through 6/30/2021
Erica Ball	Track & Field, Head Coach – Middle School	Re-appointment effective 4/26/2021 through 6/30/2021
Josie Chaves	Track & Field, Assistant Coach – Middle School	Re-appointment effective 4/26/2021 through 6/30/2021
Rachel Lawrence	Track & Field, Assistant Coach – Middle School	Re-appointment effective 4/26/2021 through 6/30/2021

Thomas Lerner

Math Teacher – High School

Resignation effective  
4/30/2021

**Kristen Merritt**

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**To:** Laurie Andrews  
**Subject:** RE: Native American Student Advocate/Liaison Position

**From:** Laurie Andrews  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 03, 2021 9:14 PM  
**To:** Kristen Merritt  
**Subject:** Re: Native American Student Advocate/Liaison Position

Hello Kristen,

I regrettably have some bad news . I was offered another position . I apologize for the inconvenience . I am grateful for the opportunity but I need to take the long term position .

I wish you all the best

Thank you ,  
Laurie

## Kristen Merritt

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**From:** Katie Kirakosian  
**Sent:** Monday, April 05, 2021 1:03 PM  
**To:** Kristen Merritt  
**Cc:** Craig MacKenzie  
**Subject:** Native American liaison position

Hello Kristen,

I am interested in serving as the Native American study liaison for the high school for the remainder of the school year. Thank you.

All the best,

Katie

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Katie Kirakosian, Ph.D.

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## **Kristen Merritt**

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**From:** Craig MacKenzie  
**Sent:** Monday, April 05, 2021 9:31 AM  
**To:** Kristen Merritt  
**Cc:** Andrea Spas  
**Subject:** Katie Kirakosian - Native American Liason

Hi Kristen, We would like to forward Katie Kirakosian for the position of Native American Liason for Chariho High School.

Craig

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Attn: Kristen Merritt  
Human Resources Administrator  
Chauko Regional School District

April 1, 2021

Dear Kristen,  
I am retiring as of May's  
2021 from my position as custodian.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Brusseau

## Kristen Merritt

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**To:** Michael Shiels  
**Subject:** RE: tl

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**From:** Michael Shiels  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 06, 2021 10:43 AM  
**To:** Kristen Merritt  
**Subject:** FW: tl

Hi, I would like to recommend Tim Lyons for the position of Hs boys assistant lacrosse coach. Thanks

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**From:** Craig MacKenzie  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 06, 2021 9:14 AM  
**To:** Michael Shiels  
**Subject:** RE: tl

You may.

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**From:** Michael Shiels  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 06, 2021 8:21 AM  
**To:** Craig MacKenzie  
**Subject:** tl

Hi Craig,  
Tim Lyons has applied for the asst boys lax coaching position. Can I forward his name to Kristen?

To whom it may concern:

I am applying to the Varsity Assistant Lacrosse position within the Chariho Regional School District. Spending my entire life playing and learning the game of lacrosse I feel I am beyond prepared to help lead the program in a positive direction. My coaching experience ranges from ultra competitive AAU programs throughout Connecticut to volunteering at Pelham Youth Lacrosse Association working with the kindergarten to 8th grade program. Being an All American along with being a scholarship student athlete at a Division 1 program, I understand how to help young students become better players and young men by teaching them time management, respect, communication and hard work. With my energy and knowledge of the game I know it will complement the Head Coach as we look to compete everyday in all that we do. Thank you for considering my application and look forward to contributing further to the Chariho Athletics community.

Tim Lyons

## Kristen Merritt

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**From:** Gina Picard  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 08, 2021 1:47 PM  
**To:** Craig MacKenzie; Andrea Spas  
**Cc:** Kristen Merritt  
**Subject:** FW: Resignation

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**From:** Thomas Lerner <[Thomas.Lerner@Chariho.k12.ri.us](mailto:Thomas.Lerner@Chariho.k12.ri.us)>  
**Date:** Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 12:51 PM  
**To:** Gina Picard <[Gina.Picard@chariho.k12.ri.us](mailto:Gina.Picard@chariho.k12.ri.us)>  
**Cc:** Vincent Levcowich <[Vincent.Levcowich@Chariho.K12.ri.us](mailto:Vincent.Levcowich@Chariho.K12.ri.us)>, Robert Mayne <[Robert.Mayne@chariho.K12.ri.us](mailto:Robert.Mayne@chariho.K12.ri.us)>  
**Subject:** Resignation

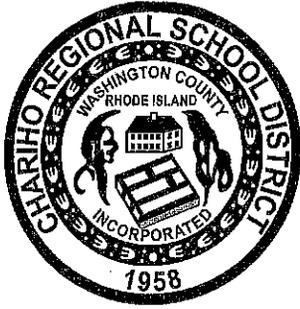
Ms. Picard,

I am resigning my teaching position. My last day will be Friday, 4/30/2021.

I have a call in to the retirement board to determine if I am eligible for ERSRI retirement so as to determine if I am eligible for accumulated sick leave buyback at Chariho. I will contact Kristen when I hear back from them.

Best regards,

Thomas Lerner  
Chariho HS Math Dept.



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TO: Gina Picard  
FROM: Kristen Merritt  
DATE: April 1, 2021  
SUBJECT: Staff Update

Name	Position	Reason
Gretchen Duggan	Grade 5 Teacher – Middle School	Unpaid leave of absence extension for the 2021-2022 school year
Dolores Sousa Andrews	Native American Student Advocate/Liaison – High School	Appointment effective 4/1/2021 through 6/25/2021
Nicole Weeks	Bus Duty AM Only – High/Middle School	Resignation effective 4/1/2021

**Kristen Merritt**

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**From:** gretchenlduggan@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 31, 2021 12:35 PM  
**To:** Kristen Merritt  
**Subject:**

Dear Superintendent Picard,

Greetings, I hope you have had a good first year in Charho. It is truly the best school system in Rhode Island. That being said, I am hoping to continue my leave for the 2021-22 school year. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,  
Gretchen Duggan

Sent from my iPhone

## Kristen Merritt

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**From:** Craig MacKenzie  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 31, 2021 1:24 PM  
**To:** Katie Kirakosian  
**Cc:** Kristen Merritt  
**Subject:** RE: XQ Liaison appointment

We are pleased to recommend Dolores Andrews fro the XQ Momentum Grant Native American Liason position.

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**From:** Katie Kirakosian  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 31, 2021 1:12 PM  
**To:** Craig MacKenzie  
**Cc:** Kristen Merritt  
**Subject:** XQ Liaison appointment

Hi Craig,

Can you reply all to this email with your recommendation? Thanks. Katie

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Hello,

Although most of my experience has been in Office Management the past 10 years I feel I am very qualified for this position. I have a working knowledge of the Socioeconomic difficulties most Native youths face, as I am a Narragansett Indian. I was not raised in the area but I have enveloped myself with understanding the culture. My grandmother taught me all things Native, nature, medicine and compassion. I have worked as a Case Manager for Education Exchange . The students ranged from 16 and up. I helped them arrange transportation, daycare, college applications and life skills to succeed.

I have a Fine Arts Degree in Art , I am a working artist. This skill is helpful with some students . Providing an outlet of expression can be life defining.

I am very passionate about supporting youth. I have taught Karate to all age groups, and some were on the spectrum. I have taught after school art classes to youth.

I have raised 4 children and I would love to help guide Native American youth.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Dolores

## Kristen Merritt

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**From:** Nicole Weeks  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 01, 2021 8:07 AM  
**To:** Kristen Merritt  
**Cc:** Ryan Bridgham  
**Subject:** Bus Duty

Hi Kristen

I am stepping down from the bus duty position.

Nicole

Nicole Weeks  
Special Educator  
Chariho Regional High School  
[nicole.weeks@chariho.k12.ri.us](mailto:nicole.weeks@chariho.k12.ri.us)



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KRISTEN MERRITT  
Human Resources Administrator

TO: Gina Picard 

FROM: Kristen Merritt

DATE: March 26, 2021

SUBJECT: Staff Update

Name	Position	Reason
Melissa DeJoseph	CHILL Mentoring Coordinator – CALA	Appointment effective 3/26/2021-9/30/2021
Danielle Bruneau	CSIP Co-Researcher – CALA	Appointment effective 3/26/2021-6/30/2021
Raymond Gomes	CSIP Co-Researcher – CALA	Appointment effective 3/26/2021-6/30/2021

**Kristen Merritt**

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**From:** Brian Tetreault  
**Sent:** Monday, March 15, 2021 12:34 PM  
**To:** Kristen Merritt  
**Subject:** mentoring position

Dear Kristin,

After completing the interview process, we would like to appoint Melissa DeJoseph for the mentoring coordinator position.

Thank you, Brian L. Tetreault  
Chariho Regional School District  
Director of Alternative Learning Programs  
401-315-2880

## Kristen Merritt

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**From:** Brian Tetreault  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 24, 2021 7:43 AM  
**To:** Kristen Merritt  
**Cc:** Katie Kirakosian  
**Subject:** research positions - CSIP

Dear Kristin,

I would like to formally appoint Danielle Bruneau and Ray Gomes for the CSIP research positions.

Thank you,

Brian L. Tetreault  
Chariho Regional School District  
Director of Alternative Learning Programs  
401-315-2880