



Making “School Choice” *Your* Option

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Declining Student Population

Beaver County, PA

25,571 students lost over the last
41 years

- 1971 – 1972 48,536 students
- 2011 – 2012 22,965 students





The **BIG** Picture

- Student population is declining countywide.
- Funding and enrollment in cyber schools and charter schools is steadily increasing.
- Our school districts are losing student revenue at an alarming rate.
- Parents want to make academic choices for their children.



What is the solution?

Provide parents and students with a varied menu of greater academic options.



SHARE YOUR RESOURCES

- **Open Seats in Classrooms**

 - For example: 10 Unoccupied Seats in German

 - 5 Unoccupied Seats in Physics (STEM)

 - 10 Unoccupied Seats in Tech Ed (STEM)

- **District/School Specialty**

 - Architecture/Engineering Emphasis

 - Agri-Science Emphasis

 - WEB Design Emphasis





Create a collaborative partnership of school districts through your existing networks.

Monthly Superintendents' Advisory Council

Monthly High School Principals Meeting

Monthly Curriculum Council Meetings

Monthly Pupil Services Personnel Meetings



How To's to Choice

- Student Comes First
- Visionary Staff
- Protocol for Eligibility, Registration, Attendance, and Grades
- Interactive Videoconferencing
- Shared Bussing
- Share High School Course Guides Online



The Goal of the Regional Choice Initiative

We believe that all students – without exception – deserve access to high-quality educational experiences. We believe that a true spirit of collaboration among member districts provides students and families more choices and more opportunities, and strengthens the vitality of our communities and our Region.

The Regional Choice Initiative (RCI) offers cost-effective, high-quality programs and services that meet the individual needs of all students, through collaboration among member districts.

“The strength of many, the focus of one.”

(Oct 29, 2007 Draft by Superintendents)

We invite you to visit our Web page at: www.bviu.org/RCI

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