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“We wanted to offer more to our students and allow students from other schools to come and join in our EMT program,” said Michon. “Our AIS program has welcomed many students from other schools and that is our goal with the EMT class as well.”

Mrs. Michon was a vocational student and got certified.

She worked in the department of continuing education while in college and she taught business programs such as BMT and marketing.

She had a career change and wanted to get her degree in teaching which led her to the halls of RHS.

“I would strongly recommend any CTE class to any student,” said Mrs. Michon. “Students have more knowledge and skills walking into college when taking a CTE class, especially one like EMT.”

## Broadcasting Class

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on in the school.

Both Mrs. Michon and Mr. Walmsley agreed that they needed someone who not only fit the qualifications, but had the passion for the subject so that they can inspire and push the students to feel the same. Both decided Mr. Robbins was the right pick.

The classes will be held either in the school computer lab or at the new city hall offices on Division Road right past the post office.

“Jason is honestly one of the best people I know. He’s easy to relate to and he’s an awesome, fun teacher who truly cares that his students understand what is going on,” said senior, Erika Schafer.

Schafer has worked with Jason on video production for the plays and she is very excited for the upcoming students to have the opportunity she did – to work with him. She also hopes the class is successful because video production and broadcasting is a neat field to study.

“The success is going to be the kids’ drive; the sky is the limit and kids learn from each other,” said Mr. Walmsley.

## Lunch with a Legislator

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Things are getting political at Richmond Community Schools, and I’m not talking about Trump.

Recently, Representative Andrea LaFontaine and Senator Phil Pavlov made a trip out to (school) and sat down with Sue Bevins, the food services coordinator for the district, along with students at Will L. Lee Elementary, and sampled a school lunch.

The visit was part of a “Legislator to Lunch” program created by the School Nutrition Association of Michigan, or SNAM.

Bevins said that they helped move the whole process along, giving her, “Sample invitations, sample pamphlets, talking points to make it really easy for school districts and food service directors to implement the program it was a very easy program to implement it did not take a lot of my time.”

After she sent out the invitations, it wasn’t long until she heard back from two of the four lawmakers she invited. They visited Lee on Friday, February 19th. Bevins said, “We met and toured Lee. They saw the one-to-one technology, they saw a Title One reading room, they saw a kindergarten classroom, which is always fun. They sang some song, then they toured the cafeteria as well.”

After this, they went and got in line for lunch just like a student would, and had lunch with the third-graders. Bevins said, “[The third graders] were actually very comfortable. They weren’t shy at all, and I was impressed with that.”

Bevins then answered any questions they had and told them of all the requirements they have to meet, and how difficult it is to do that while still having menu options that kids will enjoy.

Bevins said that part of her job is to lobby for more flexibility in the food she can serve, so meeting with these senators seems organic.

An example of this that she gave was SNAM lobbying for 50% of grains being whole grain, rather than 100%. They got 80%. This now

allows her to serve a non-whole grain item once a week, such as a Texas Toast grilled cheese.

Of the future, Bevins said she plans to continue this program into next year, inviting the new legislators to come next February. She said, “They’ve been out of school for too long to know what school meals are like [...] it’s so important to recognize the food service directors as the experts in their districts, and to turn to us when there are bills on the books they are going to vote on. To be that little voice in the back of their mind saying, ‘I talked to Sue Bevins back in Richmond, let me give her a call.’”

Pavlov spoke very highly of the tour, saying, “It was actually wonderful. I got to meet many great teachers and principals and a whole lot of energetic students.” Since he is the chair of the education committee, he gets asked to tour schools all the time, but this was his first lunch visit.

Pavlov also stated that the reason he agreed to come was because, “Part of my job is to gather information and speak with the locals in the field and this was a great opportunity to learn and get acquainted with the district.”

He then went on to say that he believes all schools should invite their local legislators, saying, “It’s very helpful for not only the school, but the legislator, too.”

He also said that the school lunches nowadays are more healthy, but with bigger portions.

Bevins also said that the lunches improved, specifically noting the pizza. She said that the pizza that her school served was mostly just cornmeal with a pepperoni. She said that Richmond’s is a huge improvement.

Bevins’s job goes beyond meeting with lawmakers. She also tries to get students who don’t partake in school lunch to eat healthier. She said, “I had a table at the health fair where I advertised healthier snacks for students to bring to lunch.”

## Robotics Within Us

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*“Robotics is the hardest fun you’ll ever have.” - Dave Kamen*

Robotics. It is a sport in which all people are welcome. It’s most commonly thought of as a group of intelligent individuals that build robots for competitions.

Many people that have heard of robotics probably tend to think the same thing: That it’s all about building the robot. But that’s only one of the many parts of it. There’s much more to it than that.

“Robotics is considered to be a varsity sport of the mind,” said Sophomore member, Maddie Yaek. It takes tactical thinking and improvising when building and supervising the robot at competitions.

Richmond’s robotics team is made up of 20 people. Of those people are the captains of the different sections of the team. Those sections and their captains are: Electrical & Programming: Andrew Capriccio, Business: Erik Brinkey, Safety: Emma Kettle, and Build: Nick Matthes.

The Electrical & Programming team led by Junior, Andrew Capriccio, is all focused on the wiring and the programming of the robot. “My job is essentially checking over the robot and making sure everything works as it should,” he said.

The Business team, led by Sophomore Erik Brinkey, is about doing writings that are actually very similar to what is

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## On This Day

- 1889 - In Paris, the Eiffel Tower officially opened.
- 1918 Daylight Saving Time went into effect in the United States.
- 2004 - Google Inc. announced that it would be introducing a free e-mail service called Gmail.