



SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

November 12, 2024

Good afternoon,

Four members of our community were elected to the Rockford Public Schools Board of Education on November 5. Tricia Anderson, Andrea Jacobson, Jake Himmelspach, and Kelley Freridge will begin service on their new four-year term January 1, 2025.

At the Board meeting on November 11, the Board recognized the following:

- Meadow Ridge Elementary for their recognition as a National Blue Ribbon School
 - Meadow Ridge was one of 12 schools in Michigan to be recognized and one of 356 schools nationwide
- George Wilson – media specialist at Rockford High School: Michigan Association of School Librarians 2024 Ruby Brown Award for Individual Excellence
- Matt Zokoe – principal at Lakes Elementary: Michigan Association of School Librarians 2024 Service Award for School Administrators
- Alexa Lalejeni – media specialist at the Freshman Center: Michigan Association of School Librarians 2024 Mary Ann Paulin Reading Advocacy Award and 2024 Pat Slocum Award for Meritorious Service

Information on the November 11 Board of Education agenda can be found here: [Board Packet.pdf](#)

In athletics, fall sports continue with post-season activity.

- Boys' water polo won their district and placed second in the region. They begin play in the state championship tournament on November 15.
- Girls' volleyball won their district and continue in the regionals starting November 12.
- The girls' cross-country team finished 7th in the state.
 - Daisy Cox finished 7th as an individual and earned all-state recognition.
- The boys' cross-country team finished 22nd in the state.
- The girls' swim and dive won the OK Red Conference championship.
 - A recap can be found here: [Rockford - Team Home Rockford Rams Sports](#)
- Girls' rugby won the state championship

The Rockford Marching Band finished 2nd in the Michigan Competing Band Association Flight One State Championship. They also won the music caption award.

Our Rockford choirs had four successful Cabaret shows last weekend.

The Collage Concert is scheduled for December 12 at 6:00 and 8:00 PM.

Our first trimester ends this week. That means we are one-third of the way through the school year.

I share highlights on my school visits and school events on Instagram, Threads, and X (Twitter) @docsmatthews.

Thank you for all that you do to support our students and our schools.

Steve

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