



# SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

December 10, 2024

Good afternoon,

Our Rockford Public Schools Board of Education met last night – December 9. Key items that were approved or discussed were the following:

#### Board approval of the authorizing resolution to sell the 3rd series of the 2019 bond

- The district bond was approved in 2019.
- The bonds go toward buildings, infrastructure, technology, and buses
  - Bonds do not, and cannot by law, pay for personnel expenses
- The third series is focused on improvements at the high school, parking lots, media centers, and continued technology and classroom furniture.
- A bond update can be found on the district website here: [\\*\\*Construction Update: A Year in Review - 2024\\*\\*](#)

#### RAMS XII update on Pillar 1 – Academic Excellence and Priority 1.A.2 – Tiered Instruction

- The priority focuses on ensuring that the district responds to the learning needs of every student especially in the areas of English Language Arts and math.
  - The report focused on how our district is implementing support for students throughout the district.
    - Our teaching staff and administration have created time during the day to support students.
      - FLEX time at our elementary buildings
      - WIN and RAM time at the middle schools
    - Students are provided opportunities to relearn material or extend their learning based on their individual needs
  - Our RAMS XII strategic plan can be found on our district website: [RAMS XII – Rockford Public Schools](#)
- Honored Nick Reichenbach for his 8 years of service on the Board of Education. Mr. Reichenbach's term of service ends at the end of December.

On January 29, 2025, from 5:30 – 8:30 PM, in the Rockford High School auditorium, we are cohosting an event with Sanford Behavioral Health and Forest View Hospital. The event – Eating Disorders: Hiding in Plain Sight – will have both presentations and discussion about this important topic. I have attached a flyer providing more information. [Eating Disorders-Hiding in Plain Sight](#).

We had our first snow day of the year last week. As a reminder snow day messages will go out via School Messenger. Last week I forgot to send a text message and just sent a phone message. In the future, updates will be sent via a phone call and a text. We also contact the local media and post a message on the district website.

Our Collage Concert – band, orchestra, and choir – is Wednesday, December 11, and Thursday, December 12. Tickets are free but must be reserved. The 8:00 PM show on December 12 has the most tickets available right now. Tickets can be reserved here: [Ludus - ROCKTIX](#)

Our last school day of December will be December 20.  
Steve

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