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FUTURE-FOCUSED: UNITING STAKEHOLDERS FOR STUDENT SUCCESS



The strategic planning process continues to move forward with valuable collaboration from stakeholders. Our recent work session brought together the Board of Education, building administrators, teachers, students, parents, and community members to ensure all voices help shape the future of Rochester Schools.

During the session, participants were divided into small groups and given time to carefully review and analyze the work completed so far. They first provided individual written feedback to refine and strengthen the plan before engaging in group discussions to offer collective insights. This structured approach ensured that diverse perspectives were heard and integrated into the planning process.

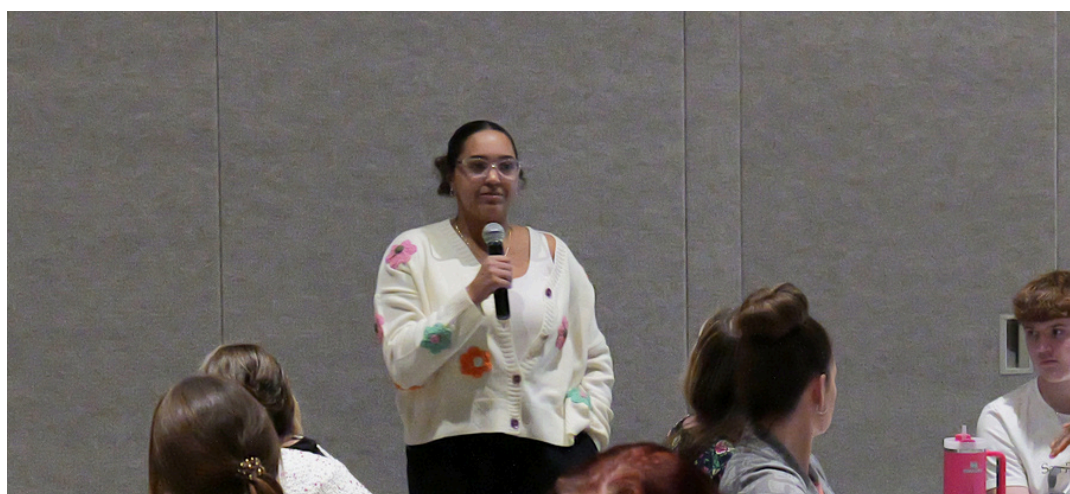
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A critical aspect of this session was the inclusion of student voices. Each group had a student representative, and participants were encouraged to actively listen and ask questions to ensure that student perspectives were woven into the goals and priorities of the plan.

Next, our teams will use the feedback gathered to refine and further develop the strategic goals. This process directly aligns with our district's mission:

"At Rochester Schools, all students are known, valued, and empowered to grow toward and excel in their chosen future."

By involving all stakeholders in this meaningful way, we hope to build stronger support for the strategic plan and ensure it truly reflects the needs, aspirations, and priorities of our entire school community.



STAFF CARRY ON TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE



Three Rochester teachers received special recognition from the Illinois State Board of Education for their work. Kara and Debbie Burke were recognized for the *Rocket Refresher* program that they started. The program allows students to deliver treats to teachers. I published an article about the recognition [here](#).

Debbie Kramer was also recognized for excellence in Student Support. This award shows her dedication to every aspect of her job but especially for the work she does to empower our students. I published an article about her recognition [here](#).

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Soccer - The soccer complex reached substantial completion and our students are now utilizing the field. This work included the new turf field (new subgrade, geobase, shock pad, turf, and cooling mineral), new score board, and new bleachers pad.



Rocket Booster Stadium - Work is in full swing. The new scoreboard is in place, new lights in place, the field subgrade and geobase are finished, the entryway is under construction, and the new visiting locker room footings are in place. Crews are schedule to start working on the track and playing field in the coming weeks.

High School Addition - the foundation is set, steel structure finishing up, and crews are beginning to place to steel decking (base layer of roof).



Scoreboards - All new scoreboards are in place except softball. That one is being build and is anticipated to be installed in the near future. That board will be the same one that is picture to the left and which was installed at the baseball field.