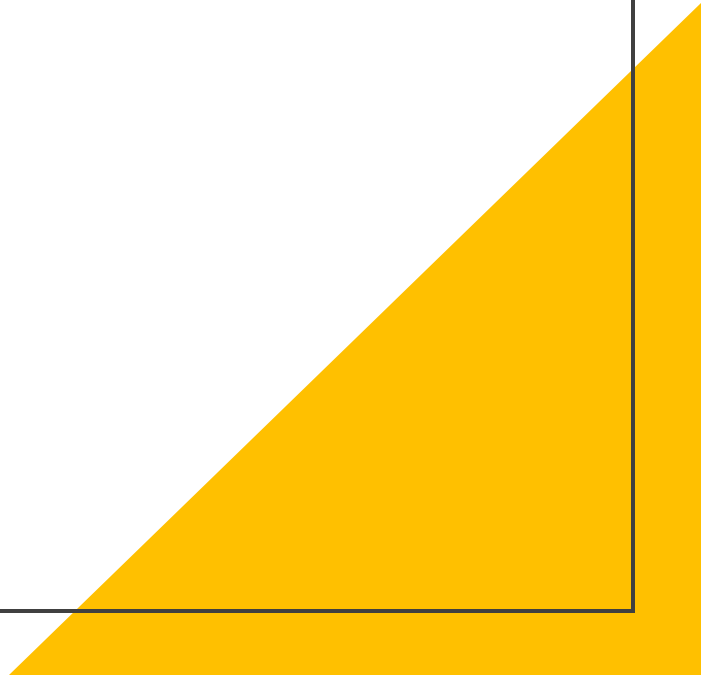


ROCORI

2021-2022 School Year





ROCORI School's Mission

*Making a difference today to
create a better tomorrow*



ROCORI

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VISION 2025

Making a Difference Today for a Better Tomorrow

INCLUSIVE

A welcoming culture for all



BALANCED

Dedicated to overall wellness,
and strong academics



EQUITABLE

Focused on equity for all



CURIOUS

Cultivating curiosity and
contributions

CONNECTED

Building relationships, pride,
and community



PROGRESSIVE

Using a progressive mindset
and effective planning

Priorities

Build programming and opportunities that enhance and support **ROCORI** students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health education.

Develop **ROCORI** proud character and tradition by equipping students with successful life long soft skills and citizen traits

Foster community based relationships to strengthen **ROCORI** programming and opportunities

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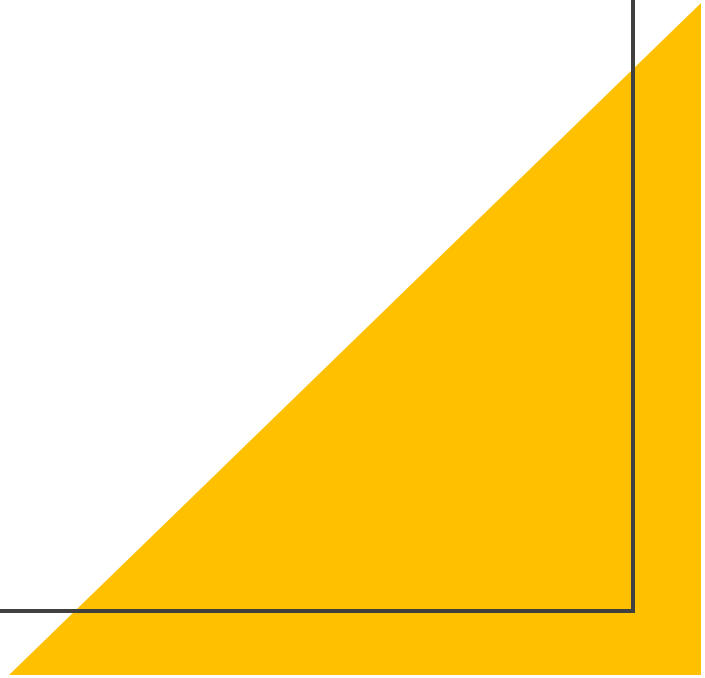
Public Education

- Definition-a school that is maintained at public expense for the education of the children of a community or district
- 90% of students nationwide attend a public school
- Focus is on teaching and learning
- Minnesota K-12 Academic Standards are the statewide expectations for student learning in K-12 public schools. School districts are required to put state standards into place so all students have access to high-quality content and instruction.
- <https://education.mn.gov/mde/dse/stds/>

What are schools and ROCORI facing this year?

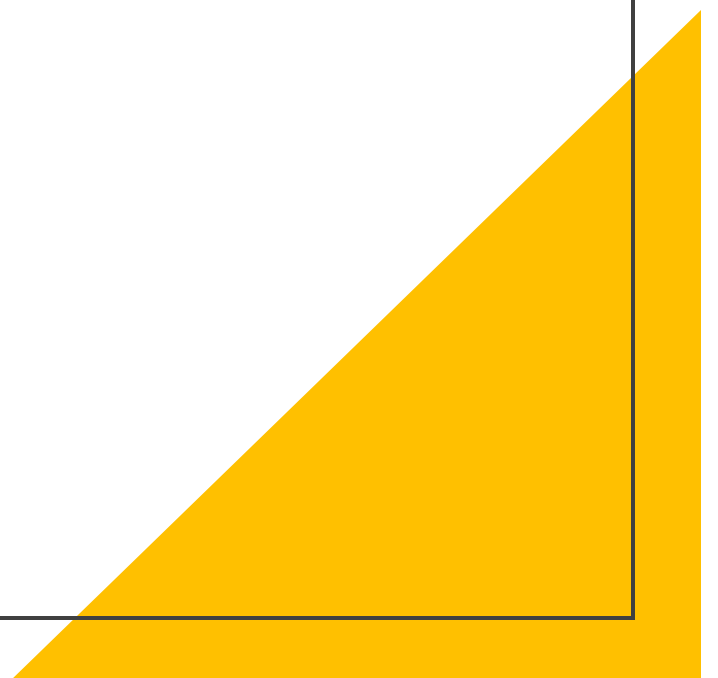
Potential of being divided by political matters of:

- COVID recommendations
- Divisiveness over equity/race



ROCORI's Desired Outcome

- Focus on doing what is best for kids
- Understanding
- Community spirit of working together



MDE COVID Recommendations

- <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/schoolrecs.pdf>
- Highlights
 - All people 12 and older should get vaccinated
 - Everyone in school buildings should wear masks indoors regardless of vaccination status
 - Schools should maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance between students when possible
 - All employees and students should stay home if they feel sick
 - Fully vaccinated individuals do not need to stay home even if they are a close contact so long as they are asymptomatic
 - Non-vaccinated individuals, should get tested regularly for COVID-19
 - Schools should encourage ventilation, conduct contact tracing, and COVID preventative measures

ROCORI Response

- 21-22 Safe Return to School Plan-In Person as normal as possible

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- ROCORI will provide information on vaccine to our families to make at personal choice. Those families who wish to provide vaccination information may do so.
- Masks will be recommended by not required except on school buses as it is federally required
- We must report positive cases
- We will be watching closely to what is happening in our schools, community and county and adjust as needed just as we did in 2020-2021
 - <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>

Educational Equity

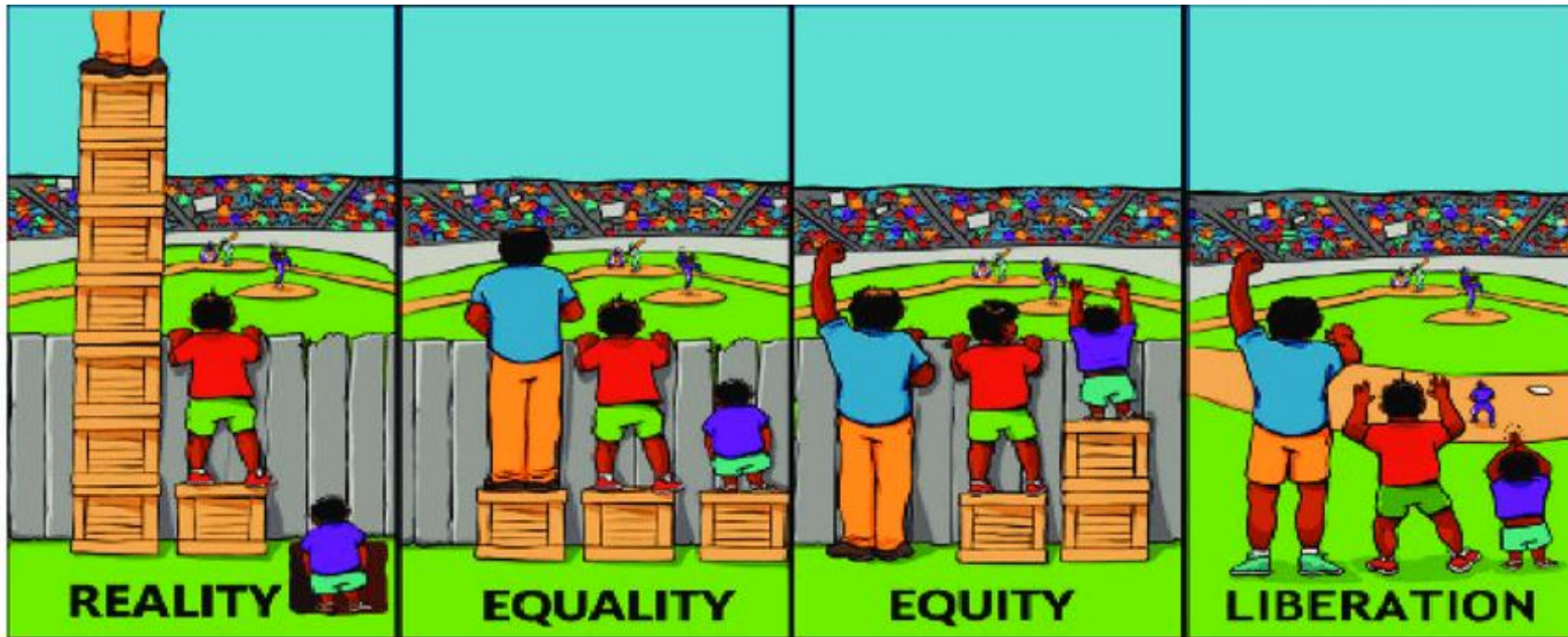
National School Board Association:

Public schools should provide equitable access and ensure that all students have the knowledge and skills to succeed as contributing members of a rapidly changing, global society, regardless of factors such as race, gender, sexual orientation, ethnic background, English proficiency, immigration status, socioeconomic status, or disability.

The terms equity work and diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) have become commonplace in K-12 education as school districts revisit and renew their local efforts to close the achievement gap as required under the “No Child Left Behind” (NCLB) legislation enacted in 2002 and now under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).



For ROCORI, equity means making sure every student has the support they need to be successful.



Equity work in Vision 2025

- Started with goal work back in 2019 and input was solicited from staff, students and parents. ROCORI Schools undertook this work to ensure that every student is respected, listened to, and supported. This commitment is fundamental to the K-12 mission and is essential for our students' success.
- ROCORI Staff is committed to helping any student for any reason at anytime
- ROCORI will continue to provide a similar experience no matter the building or grade level.
- Address that some students need more support than most.




Critical Race Theory-(CRT)

Critical race theory (CRT)

- It is a discipline and analytical tool that began in law schools in the 1970s as a tool to help law students think critically about the impact of historical and present-day racism on the legal system.
- In the 1990s, some colleges started using CRT to help aspiring school administrators and teachers better understand inequities with the goal of improving student performance.



CRT continued


- Critical race theory is **not** taught in K-12 schools and has never been part of the K-12 curriculum in Minnesota.
 - Minnesota's K-12 [social studies](#) standards are not related to CRT.
 - Minnesota's K-12 Academic Standards are set statewide expectations for student learning.
 - In Minnesota, standards must be adopted by the Minnesota Department of Education in consultation with stakeholders — educators, parents, and business representatives — and after public hearings.
 - The social studies standards are in the regular 10-year review cycle process now.
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Consultant Work

- Schools regularly use consultants
 - Facilities
 - Vision Work
 - Energy Savings
 - Equity
- Consultants give recommendations
- Local decision
 - Leaders use information from multiple sources to make decisions



Equity Literacy Institute

- Selected through an RFP process
 - Work done by Equity Literacy Institute
 - Reviewing handbooks and policy
 - Focus will be adult awareness
 - Keynote speaker for staff and focused community groups on August 30th, 2021.
 - Focus groups for students will be optional
 - No school wide student surveys
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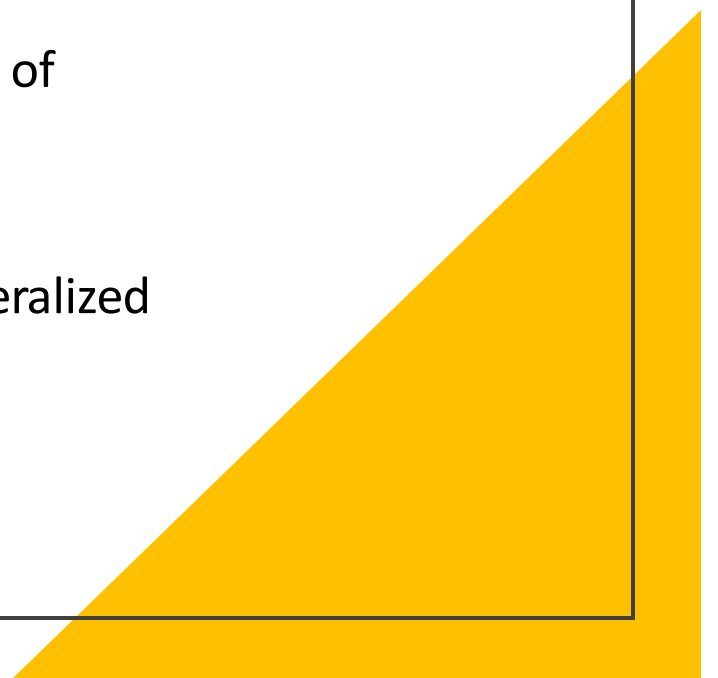
- Connecting work that has already been done
 - Example-[Speak up at school](#)
- ELI will not be providing ROCORI Schools with curriculum
 - Social Emotional Curriculum will be piloted in 21-22
 - PK-K [Second Step](#)
 - 1-12 [Character Strong](#)
 - PK-5 in classrooms under teacher direction
 - 6-12 will be in Spartan Time and Homeroom under teacher direction

Collaboration

Definition: The action of working with someone to produce or create something.

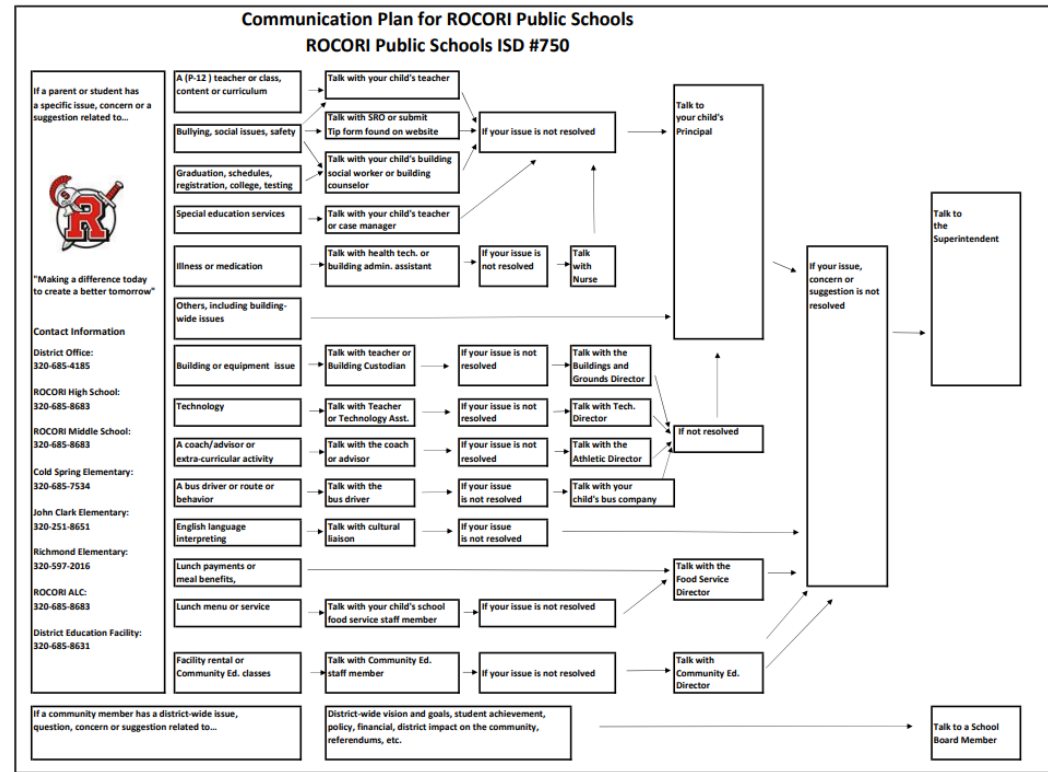
Example: ROCORI Schools collaborates with COLDSRING to bring our students a college level experience on their campus with the potential of future employment

Any work done together within community leaders should not be generalized that the organizations believe the communities of ROCORI or ROCORI Schools should be labeled.



Communications Plan

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Communication

- Communications with leaders need to be solution based
- Emotional times
 - Email and social media posts about organizations or individuals hurt the chances of positive outcomes for our children and community
 - We are not teaching our children by example when we do it ourselves
- Open communication
 - If you have questions, please call or make an appointment to visit
 - Attend public meetings and participate





Thank You!