

# **RESPECT CODE**

Rochester Community Schools will provide a district climate that prohibits acts of harassment or bullying, and eliminates prejudice and discrimination.

All Rochester Community School District members have the right to be:



## Safe

All individuals are entitled to a physically, emotionally and intellectually safe learning and work environment. It is our responsibility to address discriminatory statements and actions.



### Valued

All individuals are entitled to be valued. Various customs, lifestyles, and backgrounds contribute to an enriched learning environment.



## Respected

All individuals are entitled to be treated equitably. Education increases awareness and understanding and promotes human dignity.

# DISTRICT EQUITY STATEMENT

Rochester Community Schools is committed to providing an equitable education that prepares all students for an interdependent, evolving world. We believe in a unified culture of belonging for all. We recognize that systemic inequities exist that create educational equity gaps among various identity groups, specifically those who have been marginalized. Through a multifaceted approach of inclusion, we commit to creating opportunities and access, protecting the well-being of all, eliminating barriers, and educating within a safe environment where all individuals are valued, respected, included, welcomed, and acknowledged.

#### **Notice of Nondiscrimination**

Rochester Community Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, creed or ancestry, age, sex, marital status, height, weight, familial status, arrest record or physical and mental disabilities in accordance with the Elliot-Larson Civil Rights Act (ELCRA) MCL 37.2206, Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act (PWCRA), MCL 37.1206, Title II, Title VI, and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Educational Amendment Act of 1972, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act and the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (8U.S.C., Section 1324A Et. Seq.) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. In addition, individuals will not be excluded from, or be denied, the benefits of participation in any program or activity for which the Board of Education of the Rochester Community School District is responsible on the basis of such characteristics. Rochester Community Schools has designated the following individuals as Compliance Coordinators at 52585 Dequindre Rd., Rochester, MI 48307. Title II and Section 504 for students: Assistant Superintendent of Special Populations, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, (248) 726-3060; Equal Employment Opportunity/Section 504 for non-students: Chief Human Resource Officer, (248) 726-3110; Title IX Coordinator: Chief Human Resource Officer, (248) 726-3110.