

Annual Report of the Rochester Memorial School Principal January 2022

The community's support of our school has always been immense and we are reminded of this as we arrive to such a state-of-the-art facility and grounds on a daily basis. With this continued support, we are pleased to see our student enrollment figures increasing each year. This school year are current student enrollment grades PK-6 is approximately 515 students.

As we continue to operate and manage school under the health and safety protocols established by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education & Department of Public Health due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we are pleased to be able offer full in person instruction for all of our students/families this school year. Due to our outstanding facilities, we are able to accommodate all of our classroom spaces with 3 feet of distancing between student desks as well maintaining 6 feet of distancing in our cafeteria per the safety guidance set forth by the DESE. This has allowed us to shift our focus back to teaching and learning using data to inform our instruction in order to meet the needs all of our students'.

We would like to introduce our community to the new staff members joining us here at Rochester Memorial for the 2021-2022 school year. We welcome aboard two new general educators with Ms. Paige Teves joining our grade 6 team and Mr. Michael Forns joining our grade 3 team. Additionally, we are pleased to include an Academic Interventionist position this year with Mrs. Lisa Mazzucca filling that role.

In ensuring that we utilize best practice in our classrooms as well as across the building that connect to our school improvement and district strategic plans, we have implemented the following school wide goals:

- Rochester Memorial students will continue to engage in instructional practices that include Global Citizenship, 21st Century Skills and Project Based Learning.
- Rochester Memorial prioritized and utilized the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Acceleration Roadmap this year to ensure our focus remained on teaching & learning. Learning Acceleration is when all students receive consistent access to appropriate grade-level work. The three main pillars of learning acceleration are: Sense of Belonging, Monitoring Students' Understanding and Ensuring Strong Grade-Appropriate Instruction.
- While continuing to focus on the health and safety of our school community (during COVID 19), Rochester Memorial will ensure the social and emotional well-being of students by collecting and analyzing attendance data, as well as implementing/exposing students to sound SEL practices that will foster a student sense of belonging since returning to full in person instruction.

As we look to the future here at RMS we keep in mind our mission to inspire all children to think, to learn, to achieve, and to care. As a school community we focus daily on our school rules; take CARE of yourself, take CARE of others and take CARE of our school environment. These rules allow us to fulfill the great expectations that we all have come to expect from the Rochester Memorial School.

Sincerely,
Derek J. Medeiros
Principal