

Annual Report of the Rochester Memorial School Principal
January 2021

The community's support of the Rochester Memorial School has always been immense and we are reminded of this as we arrive daily to such a state-of-the-art facility and grounds. We are pleased to see student enrollment figures remain steady from year to year. This school year the current student enrollment, grades PK-6, is approximately 486 students.

Many of our current staff members have transferred to new positions within RMS due to annual promotion and enrollment in each grade level cohort. We have also made necessary adjustments to the types of learning models being offered this school year at RMS due to Covid-19 guidelines and protocols. As a result of the current Department of Elementary and Secondary Education & CDC health and safety guidelines we are offering a full remote learning model as well as a hybrid in/hybrid out learning model option for students and families. Rochester Memorial School new staff members this year: Mrs. Lisa Mazzucca joined the general education staff as a long-term substitute grade 6 remote educator. Ms. Jennifer Derderian and Mrs. Carmen Sousa joined the special education staff.

In ensuring that we utilize best practices 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 engage in instructional practices that include 21st Century Skills as well as Project Based Learning.
- Understanding that Global Citizenship is the idea that one's identity transcends geography or political borders, and that we, individually, have responsibilities to embrace all members of our community, Rochester Memorial will prepare students for their role in becoming positive conduits for change.
- While focused 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 data, as well as implementing/exposing students to sound SEL practices.

As we look to the future at RMS, we are mindful of 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