



## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Positive relationships between our public school district and the wider community are essential to the continued success of each. Rochester Community Schools is committed to fostering strong partnerships with all stakeholders to enhance student success.

RCS engages families as partners in their students' educational experiences. The district will continue to leverage a variety of communication methods and tools to provide strategic planning implementation updates, celebrate excellence and build trust, as well as provide "windows" into life in our buildings. RCS schools will share information that ensures families and the community have access to the resources needed to support student learning while providing opportunities to give feedback about the services offered.

District personnel will continue to connect families in need with resources related to a variety of wrap-around services to ensure students are ready to engage in learning. To support parents and caregivers who are new to the district, transferring to a new school or interested in advocating for their students, Rochester Community Schools will provide onboarding, support and collaborative opportunities.

The district will continue to build partnerships with, but not limited to, local government, businesses, educational institutions and philanthropic organizations that engage the local community in collaborative civic projects, volunteer opportunities, cooperative jobs, internships and apprenticeships. RCS employees will build an understanding of local and global working practices to ensure the skills taught and learned are transferable. RCS will enable safe access to industry mentors and subject experts who are available through digital communication, face-to-face meetings and virtual field expeditions.

Because RCS is truly a community school district, facilities will continue to be accessible, comfortable, technology-rich and of a professional standard so community members can use them for a variety of purposes.