



Robbinsdale Area Schools

Reimagine Rdale: Vision 2030 Community Engagement Recap

5:30-7:30 p.m. | Feb. 26, 2025 | Location: Robbinsdale Middle School

Executive Summary

On Feb. 26, 2025, Robbinsdale Area Schools (Rdale) held its fourth [Reimagine Rdale: Vision 2030](#) community engagement meeting at Robbinsdale Middle School with intentional outreach to members of the Somali community. A total of 21 individuals attended.

Families, students, staff, and community partners shared bold ideas and offered feedback that will guide long-term planning for the district. Attendees participated in facilitated breakout room conversations around three guiding questions focused on reimagining what school could be, identifying what's working in Rdale today, and helping define the qualities and skills every student should possess when they graduate. The responses below summarize the key themes that emerged during this important engagement session.

What if...? Reimagining School for the Future:

Participants offered ideas that emphasized expanding opportunities, improving daily schedules, and creating safe, supportive environments. Key themes included:

- Afterschool programs: More tutoring, clubs, sports, and outdoor activities.
- Expanded course options: Cooking classes, art classes, and college-level coursework.
- School schedule adjustments: Ideas ranged from shorter days to longer days, with requests for longer lunch breaks and shorter class periods.
- Real-world preparation: More work experience opportunities and higher academic standards.
- Family and student support: Better communication with parents about behavior concerns; staff that reflect the student population.
- Health and safety: Safe schools, strong focus on education during the day, and a drug-free environment (no vaping or substance use).
- Variety in meals: Requests for different lunch options.

What's Working in Rdale:

Attendees named several practices and programs they value and want to preserve:

- More co-teachers and collaborative classrooms.
- Opportunities for work experience classes.

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- Prayer time during the school day.
- Classes that students enjoy and find meaningful.
- Access to teachers after school for extra help.
- Recess opportunities in middle school.

Profile of an Rdale Learner:

Participants envisioned graduates who embody positive character traits and essential skills, including:

- Kindness toward others.
- Strong communication skills for academic and personal success.
- Mathematical ability as a core academic strength.

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