



Statement from the Rochester Board of Education and the Rochester City School District on the passing of Dr. David Anderson

(August 13, 2026) We offer our deepest condolences to the family, friends, and loved ones of Dr. David Anderson. Dr. Anderson was a distinguished Frederick Douglass historian whose passion for African American history and heritage shaped how generations of Rochesterians understand our community and its past.

Through his scholarship, leadership, and lifelong commitment to young people, Dr. Anderson inspired educators, students, and community members throughout Rochester. In 2024, the Rochester City School District had the privilege of renaming School No. 16 the Dr. David and Ruth Anderson Academy, honoring the Andersons' extraordinary lifetime of service and lasting contributions to our community.

Dr. Anderson embodied the curiosity, character, and commitment to learning that we seek to nurture in every student. His legacy will continue to live through the school that proudly bears his and Mrs. Anderson's names and through our work to educate, inspire, and create opportunities for the young people of Rochester.