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RCSD Launches Academic and Financial Sustainability Task Force to Help Shape District's Future

Students, families, staff, and community leaders will help inform future budget priorities and long-term educational planning

The Rochester City School District is taking an important step toward shaping its academic and financial future today with the launch of the 2026–2027 Academic and Financial Sustainability Task Force. Bringing together students, parents, staff, and elected officials, this collaborative effort will help guide decisions that strengthen the District's long-term sustainability while keeping student success at the center of its work.

The initiative marks an important step in the District's commitment to aligning its financial resources with academic priorities while creating a sustainable foundation for student success.

The Task Force includes students, parents, staff, and elected officials who will work collaboratively to examine the District's financial outlook, identify opportunities for greater efficiency, explore potential revenue sources, and develop recommendations to inform future budget decisions.

"This is about more than developing a budget. It is about shaping the future of education in Rochester," said Superintendent Dr. Eric Jay Rosser. "We have an opportunity to bring different perspectives together, challenge ourselves to think differently, and make thoughtful decisions about how we invest in our students. Our commitment is to ensure that every dollar supports our mission of activating dreams and unlocking potential."

As the District prepares its 2027–2028 budget, the Task Force will review financial projections, organizational structures, and priorities outlined in the District's Strategic Plan. Members will examine potential strategies involving staffing, student programming, school facilities, and operational efficiencies, evaluating recommendations based on their educational impact, financial implications, and feasibility.

The Task Force will meet nine times between October 15 and January 27, with a final report scheduled for submission to Superintendent Rosser and the Board of Education by January 30, 2027.

Community Voices Will Help Shape the Process

Recognizing the importance of community participation, RCSD will launch its annual budget survey on November 2, inviting students, families, staff, and community members to share their priorities for the 2027–2028 school year.

Survey feedback will help inform budget discussions and provide District leadership and the Board of Education with insight into the needs and priorities of the Rochester community.

“The decisions we make today will influence the opportunities available to our students tomorrow,” Rosser added. “This process gives us a chance to listen, examine what is working, and identify where we can do better. I am excited about the possibilities ahead and the collective responsibility we share in building a stronger District.”

The Academic and Financial Sustainability Task Force is part of RCSD’s broader commitment to responsible financial planning, transparency, and educational excellence.