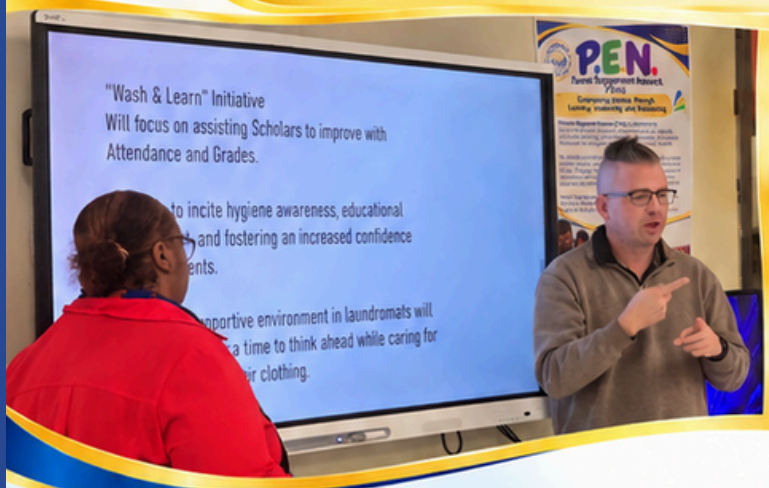
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Parent Engagement Network (P.E.N.)

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Empowering Families Through Learning, Leadership, and Partnership





The **Parent Engagement Network (P.E.N.)** is a districtwide family learning initiative designed to connect parents and caregivers with meaningful learning opportunities, practical strategies, information, and resources that strengthen families and support student success.

P.E.N. provides a coordinated structure for courses, workshops, information sessions, and family learning experiences throughout the school year. Through partnerships with RCSD departments, parent leaders, and community organizations, families gain access to knowledge, resources, and tools that help them support their children's success in school and in life.

The Parent Engagement Network is a key component of the Rochester City School District's **R.E.A.C.H. Engagement Framework,** which serves as the foundation for family and community engagement across the District.

November 2026 Course Offerings

R.E.A.C.H. Engagement Framework

The R.E.A.C.H. Framework reflects the District's commitment to:

R
Respond
to family needs and concerns

E
Encourage
family participation and involvement

A
Advocate
for students and families

C
Collaborate
with schools, departments, and community partners

H
Help
connect families to resources, supports, and opportunities

The Parent Engagement Network is most closely aligned with the **Respond** component of the R.E.A.C.H. Framework. Through workshops, trainings, information sessions, and learning experiences, P.E.N. responds to the needs, interests, questions, and aspirations of families by providing access to knowledge, practical strategies, community resources, and subject-matter experts who can help parents support their children's educational journey.

More Than Workshops

The Parent Engagement Network is more than a series of workshops. It is a year-round learning community where parents and caregivers can gain knowledge, strengthen skills, build relationships, access resources, develop leadership, and take meaningful action in support of their children and families.

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Learning Pathways

All Parent Engagement Network courses align with one or more of the following learning pathways. These pathways help families identify learning opportunities that best meet their goals and interests.

1 Student Academic Success & Learning

Helps families understand how to support their child's academic growth, learning, attendance, and overall success in school.

2 Parent Leadership & Advocacy

Builds parents' and caregivers' knowledge, confidence, and leadership skills to advocate for their children and participate meaningfully in their schools and the District.

3 College, Career & Postsecondary Readiness

Provides families with information and tools to help students explore college, careers, Career and Technical Education (CTE), financial aid, and other opportunities after graduation.

4 Family Health, Wellness & Safety

Connects families with information and resources that support physical and emotional wellness, healthy relationships, safety, and overall family well-being.

5 Technology & Digital Learning

Helps families build digital skills and confidently use technology, online learning platforms, and other tools that support their children and household.

6 Financial Literacy & Family Resources

Provides practical information about budgeting, credit, financial planning, benefits, and resources that can strengthen family financial stability.

7 Community Resources & Support

Connects families with community organizations, programs, services, and resources that can help address family needs and remove barriers to student success.

8 Family Empowerment & Personal Development

Creates opportunities for parents and caregivers to strengthen personal, professional, and life skills while building confidence and working toward individual and family goals.

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Course Title:

Parent Leadership Academy

P.E.N. Learning Pathway:
Parent Leadership & Advocacy

Presenter(s):
Dr. Charmaine Cohen
Executive Director
Family & Community Engagement Department

Course Description:
This four-session academy is designed to empower parents as leaders, advocates, and active partners in their children's education. Participants will strengthen their leadership and advocacy skills, gain a deeper understanding of district policies, programs, and resources, and learn practical strategies to support their children's academic and personal success. Sessions include engaging presentations, interactive discussions, collaborative activities, and small-group learning opportunities. Participants will receive training materials and resources to support continued learning and meaningful family engagement.

Course Format:
In-Person (Parent Center)

Dates:
Wednesday, November 4, 2026
Tuesday, November 10, 2026
Wednesday, November 18, 2026
Tuesday, November 24, 2026

Time:
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM



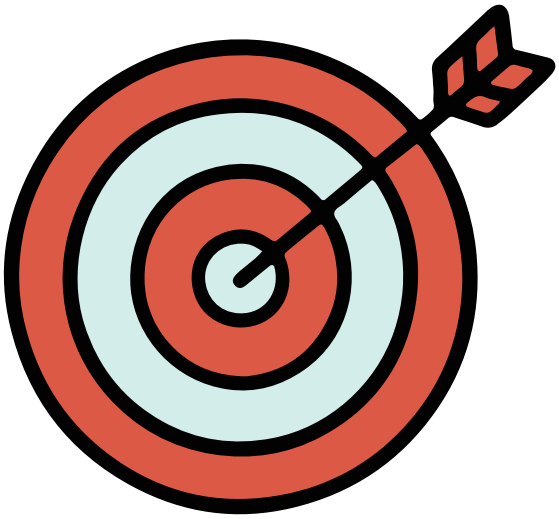
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PARENT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

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Course Title:

Turning Pain into Purpose



P.E.N. Learning Pathway:
Family Empowerment & Personal Development

Presenter(s):
Shuane Williams-Bailey
CEO & President, Morgan Williams Foundation

Course Description:
The Turning Pain Into Purpose Workshop is an inspiring and empowering presentation that shares the story of the family of TySean Williams. Following the tragic loss of her innocent son to violence, Shuane Williams-Bailey faced unimaginable grief and trauma. In this powerful workshop, she shares how she transformed her pain into purpose by becoming a leader, advocate, and champion for her community. Through resilience, service, and a deep commitment to uplifting others, she has dedicated her life to supporting children, families, and communities impacted by violence. Participants will leave inspired by her journey of healing, hope, perseverance, and the powerful reminder that even life's greatest challenges can become opportunities to create meaningful and lasting change.

Course Format:
In-Person (Parent Center)

Dates:
Thursday, November 12, 2026

Time:
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM



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TURNING PAIN INTO PURPOSE

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REGISTER TODAY

Join the Parent Engagement Network (P.E.N.) and take advantage of these free learning opportunities designed to support, empower, and connect RCSD families. Whether you are interested in strengthening your leadership skills, accessing resources, supporting your child's academic success, or connecting with other families, there is something for everyone.

How to Register

📱 **Scan the QR Code** to complete your registration online.

📞 **Call the Office of Parent Engagement at (585) 262-8658** for assistance with registration or additional information about any course.

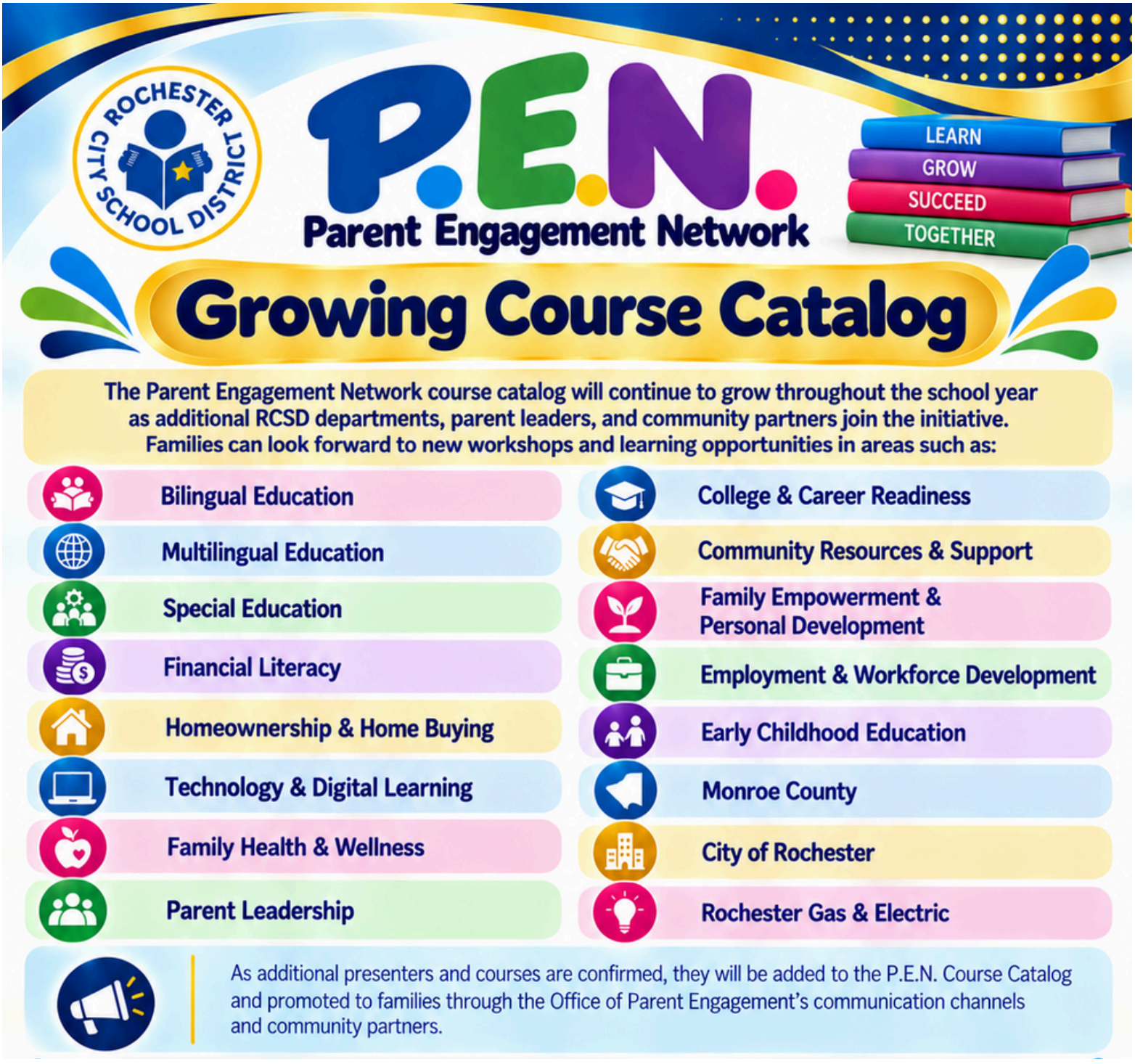
✉ **Email**
kellimonique.briggs@rcsdk12.org

Important Information

- All workshops are free of charge.
- Registration is encouraged to reserve your space.
- Courses are open to RCSD parents, caregivers, grandparents, and family members.
- Workshops are held at the Parent Center at Loretta Johnson Middle School, 200 Genesee Street (Dr. Samuel McCree Way Entrance), Rochester, NY 14611.

We Look Forward to Seeing You!
The Office of Parent Engagement is committed to building strong partnerships between families, schools, and the community. We hope you will join us for a season of learning, growth, leadership, and connection through the Parent Engagement Network (P.E.N.).

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Growing Course Catalog
The Parent Engagement Network course catalog will continue to grow throughout the school year as additional RCSD departments, parent leaders, and community partners join the initiative. Families can look forward to new workshops and learning opportunities in areas such as:
Bilingual Education
Multilingual Education
Special Education
Financial Literacy
Homeownership & Home Buying
Technology & Digital Learning
Family Health & Wellness
Parent Leadership
College & Career Readiness
Community Resources & Support
Family Empowerment & Personal Development
Employment & Workforce Development
Early Childhood Education
Monroe County
City of Rochester
Rochester Gas & Electric
As additional presenters and courses are confirmed, they will be added to the P.E.N. Course Catalog and promoted to families through the Office of Parent Engagement's communication channels and community partners.

OFFICE OF PARENT ENGAGEMENT

Visit: THE PARENT CENTER
200 Genesee Street
(Dr. Samuel McMree Way Entrance)

Hours: MONDAY-FRIDAY
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Call: 585-324-9999

Email: PARENTCENTER@RCSDK12.ORG

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