



SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

January 6, 2023

Happy New Year!

It is hard to believe that 2023 has started! I hope that you had a wonderful Holiday season.

As we return to school and work and the busyness of life I wanted to make sure that you were aware of our Developing Healthy Kids series that starts on Tuesday, January 10th. The first event is the film - Childhood 2.0. We will show the film beginning at 6:30 PM in Rockford High School's auditorium. Erin Cole, middle school counselor, and Colten Crossen, mental health liaison, will moderate the session.

Other events in the Developing Healthy Kids series will follow in January, February, and April. The flyer for our Developing Healthy Kids series is linked here: [Developing Healthy Kids](#)

At our Rockford Public Schools board meeting on January 9 we will welcome three new board members to the table. Barbara Helms, Christie Ramsey, and Jarrod Folsom started their terms on January 1 and will be seated for the board meeting on January 9. Tricia Anderson who was also elected in November is completing a partial term and started her term in December.

Agenda highlights for the board meeting include the following:

- **Election of board officers**
- **Reports**
 - Student representative report
 - Financial update from Mike Cuneo
 - Safety update from Scott Beckman
- **New business/Action**
 - Audit report and adoption of audit
 - North Rockford Middle School bond project addition and remodel
 - Chromebook purchase

Our Rockford High School marching band participated in the 2023 Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena, CA. If you did not get a chance to watch the parade, the band marched over 5 miles and had to "turn the corner" as they marched. Here is a two minute video of them as they made Rockford proud. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jQE1wM_khyw I would like to express my thanks to all of the band teachers - Mr. Phillips, Mr. Bahm, Mr. McCarthy, and Ms. Kilgore, as well as the chaperones who supported our students on this trip.

While we have had our share of snow this winter, luckily, knock on wood, it has not had a tremendous impact on our schools yet. But when the snow does come you will receive a phone message, an email, and the closing will be displayed on our district website. Plus you can check my social media on Instagram and Twitter @docsmatthews.

Our middle and high school winter sports activities are in full swing. Check our district website. There is an athletics link at toward the top of the page which will lead you to either the middle school or high school athletics page. There you can find calendar links that will list upcoming events.

I look forward to seeing you at our Developing Healthy Kids series and at events throughout the district.

Steve

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