



SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

August 26, 2023

To our Rockford families:

Our first Developing Healthy Kids event for the 2023-2024 school year will be on October 4th in the high school auditorium. It will be hosted by David Jangda our Rockford Public Schools mental health liaison. It will focus on youth vaping. Dr. Brittany Taylor, a local medical professional, will be present to discuss this topic and a documentary on youth vaping will be the centerpiece of the evening. Please make plans to attend this important evening and join in the conversation.

Our Rockford Athletic Hall of Fame inducted two new members. Callie Johnson Schultz and Mike Segard were inducted last Friday.

On November 7, 2023, our Rockford Public Schools Parks and Recreation Millage is on the ballot for renewal. The Parks and Recreation Millage provides revenue to support the community use of our school district gyms, playgrounds, and fields during non-school hours. The Parks and Rec Millage supplements the cost of our Community Service programs like senior citizen programming, youth athletic activities, and community education courses. Additionally, if approved, the cost of our athletic pay-to-participate fees beginning with the 2024-25 school year will be reduced by half.

This Parks and Recreation Millage provides revenue to support our Community Service recreation programs and protects our general fund so it can be prioritized for use in our classrooms.

The millage was first approved by voters in 2004 and is up for renewal this year. We are asking the community to renew the millage at its current rate of .9125 mills. Additional information is available on our district website.

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