



# SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

January 30, 2024

Good afternoon,

As we reach the end of January, I wanted to give you a brief update.

At last week's Michigan Music Conference, Rockford was well represented. We had 26 middle and high school students who participated in the honors or all-state ensembles - bands, orchestras, or choirs. These students prepared for a rigorous audition in the fall and were selected among thousands of applicants to play or sing in these state-wide ensembles. Thank you to our orchestra, band, and choir teachers for all that they do to support our fine arts programs in the district and to prepare these students for these opportunities.

In addition, Mandy Scott, our Rockford High School vocal music teacher, was named the Michigan School Vocal Music Association Teacher of the Year. This is a wonderful honor and well deserved.

Our high School spring musical Mama Mia will be the first two weekends in March. It should be a wonderful show. Tickets can be purchased at [rocktix.org](https://rocktix.org). Get your tickets before they are gone.

We continue planning for the 2024-2025 school year. Our Board of Education is considering our new elementary attendance boundaries on February 11 at the Board of Education meeting. A final recommendation is set to be presented by the administrative team to the Board for approval that evening.

My trip with the American Association of School Administrators and others to Guatemala to help the community of Xepetan continue to build their school was a success. We accomplished our goal, and I learned a lot about the country of Guatemala. I also met some wonderful people who, like us, want good schools for their children.

I appreciate the understanding that everyone has shown as we have navigated a rather tricky January weather pattern. Our goal is to have school every day but, as you know, Michigan's weather is somewhat unpredictable. We have had a rough stretch in January, but I am hoping to see some blue skies soon.

Steve

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