



# SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

February 13, 2024

Good afternoon,

At the Board of Education Monday night, the Rockford Public Schools' Board of Education approved new elementary attendance boundaries. These new elementary attendance boundaries will go into effect for the 2024-2025 school year.

While the new boundaries were introduced to the Board in December 2023, there has been discussion of what the elementary boundaries would be since the start of construction on our new elementary school over two years ago. As part of the discussion, a comment form was created on the district website to solicit feedback. Eight-eight comments were received. Each was reviewed by an administrative team and the elementary boundary committee. After almost a year of thoughtful consideration, the Board approved the recommended changes on Monday evening.

Each elementary family will receive an email alerting them to the school their child will attend in the 2024-2025 school year. Many will be the same as they were this year. Some will have changed.

An in-district transfer window request window will open on February 14. This window is for current residents of the Rockford Public Schools.

A transfer window for elementary students who reside outside of the district but attend via schools of choice will open after our in-district window closes.

The email you will receive will explain the process if you wish to submit a transfer request. If you do not want to submit a transfer request nothing needs to be done.

Moving elementary boundaries is not easy. I appreciate the conversations that we have had. The committee made thoughtful recommendations and our Board reviewed them carefully. These new boundaries will serve the district well.

In addition to the new boundaries, the Board also approved the construction of new tennis courts at the high school. These new courts will be ready for our high school teams and for the community by this fall.

On February 20, our Rockford Unified basketball team will play its next game. It will be between the varsity girls' and the varsity boys' game. I would invite you to all our games that evening starting at 5:30 PM. The Rockford Unified game is at approximately 6:45 PM.

Remember, the high school musical coming in March is Mama Mia. Tickets are available at [Ludus - ROCKTIX](#). Get them before they are gone!

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