



SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

February 27, 2024

Good afternoon,

We are finishing the end of trimester 2 this week. Next week begins the start of trimester 3 - our final trimester for the 2023-2024 school year.

Kindergarten and developmental kindergarten enrollment has started. Please take the time to enroll so that we can properly plan for the upcoming school year. You can find registration information here: [Enrollment Procedures – Rockford Public Schools \(rockfordschools.org\)](https://rockfordschools.org/enrollment-procedures)

In February and March, our choirs, bands, and orchestras attend solo and ensemble events. Here students perform by themselves or with groups and are judged for their performance. Our students are doing very well in these events thanks to their hard work and the work of their teachers in helping them prepare.

Over the next several weeks our winter sports season will also come to a close.

- Girls' bowling won their regional and qualified for the state tournament this weekend.
- Competitive cheer qualified for their regional competition where they finished 10th.
- Our wrestling team won district, regional, and the quarterfinals. They were defeated in the state semi-finals by the eventual state champion.
- Boys' basketball won the OK Red conference and plays this week in their district tournament.
- Girls' basketball won the OK Red conference and post-season begins next week.
- Girls' gymnastics won the OK Red conference, and their regionals are this weekend.
- Boys' ice hockey lost in double overtime in their regional
- Boys' skiing finished 4th in their regional
- Girls' skiing finished 6th in their regional
- Boys' swim and diver compete this weekend in their regional

We continue to prepare for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year. As you know, new elementary boundaries were approved by the Board of Education at the February board meeting. We are communicating with families to ensure that everyone knows where the elementary boundaries are for next year. With the opening of our new Edgerton Trails Elementary School there will be staffing changes at the elementary level. We are carefully working through that process with our building level administrators and teaching staff.

The Rockford Education Foundation fundraiser "The Taste" is March 7. Tickets can be purchased here: [The Taste \(rockfordeducationfoundation.org\)](https://rockfordeducationfoundation.org)
The Rockford Education Foundation is a great partner for the district. They support teacher grants, our counseling dogs, and other valuable district programs. Please consider supporting them either at this fundraiser or by contributing to them.

This weather has been quite amazing lately. I hope that you have been able to enjoy it, but we all know that this is just a big tease!

Steve

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