



SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

March 12, 2024

Good afternoon,

At the Board of Education meeting on March 11, the Board took the following action:

The 2024-2025 school calendar was approved. I have attached a calendar link: [2024-2025 RPS Calendar.docx](#)

- School begins on August 26
- Twelve early release Wednesdays are included - These days allow our teachers to focus on student instructional needs, plan and prepare lessons, additional support, and lesson extensions for our students.
- Our Holiday break begins at the end of the school day on December 20 - We return to school from our Holiday break on Monday, January 6
- Students have off Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 20 - Staff will report for professional development
- Mid-winter break is Friday, February 14 and Monday, February, 17
- Spring break begins at the end of the school day on Wednesday, April 2 - We return to school on Monday, April 14
- Our last day of school is June 6 - The last two days of school Thursday, June 5 and Friday, June 6 are half days
- The Board approved Rachel Dekuiper as the next principal at Belmont Elementary
- The Board accepted the retirement of Larry Watters, principal at Parkside Elementary.

Information on board meetings – agendas and packets – can be found here: [Board Meetings – Rockford Public Schools \(rockfordschools.org\)](#)

New student enrollment is now open. This is especially important for incoming kindergarten students. If you have an incoming kindergarten student or know a family who does, it is important to register for the upcoming 2024/2025 school year. You can find information on our website: [Enrollment Procedures – Rockford Public Schools \(rockfordschools.org\)](#)

Our winter sports season continued its successful run.

- Our girls' gymnastics team won the state team championship - That is their 7th state championship overall and their third in a row.
- Hailey Hill won the Division 2 all around, Leah Koch won the Division 1 vault, and Kate Tracey won the Division 2 beam.
- In wrestling, Ryan Ahern was the Division 1 heavyweight champion. Louie Bosscher finished 3rd at 175 pounds, Liam Fitzpatrick was 4th at 132 pounds, and Hailee Burdick, one of our female wrestlers, finished 4th.
- Julian Cardenas won the state Division 1 diving championship with a state record score
- Our girls' basketball team won their district for the fifth time in a row and face Midland Dow this Wednesday, March 13, for the regional championship - The game will be played at Cadillac High School at 7:00 PM

Mama Mia, our high school musical, continues this week with performances Thursday – Sunday. Tickets can be purchased at [Ludus - ROCKTIX](#) It is a great show!

Spring break begins March 28!

Steve

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