

November 1, 2022

Dear RCS Parents and Families,

I hope your Halloween celebrations were successful despite the less than desirable weather. It is hard to believe that we are already into the month of November. It has been a positive and productive start to the 2022-2023 school year. Thank you for your support of all of our events and activities over the first couple months of this year. It has been great seeing everyone back in our schools.

I want to remind everyone that there is **No school for students tomorrow, Wednesday, November 2nd** due to our Teacher Professional Development Day.

Here are two additional updates:

Strategic Planning-

Our district has entered into a comprehensive Strategic Planning effort this fall. We have established a Steering Committee that is made up of staff, parents and community members. This group has met twice and is charged with guiding this process to a final draft plan that will be presented to the Board of Education in early 2023 for approval. The committee has held two meetings to date where we have reviewed the district mission, vision and organizational values. Most recently, we have begun discussing draft Focus Areas and Goals that will be presented to a larger audience for input later this month through both a survey and focus group conversations. Please look for future communications and we appreciate your participation.

Visitor Management-

This fall we have been working towards enhancing our visitor screening and management protocols in support of continued efforts in the area of School Safety. Our secondary buildings (RHS, 9GA and RMS) are now utilizing an electronic visitor screening system "KeepnTrack." We have taken time over the past several weeks to install the equipment, train staff and refine our procedures. We have started with a soft rollout to get familiar with the system. As of November 1st we are officially implementing the program and all visitors will be required to provide a state issued driver's license or identification card. The system does not provide a criminal background check but does screen against the Sex Offenders Registry. Once cleared, all visitors receive a badge (sticker) with their digital photo and information on the purpose for being in the building. This visitor badge must be worn at all times and all visitors are directed to check out upon leaving the facility. We will continue integration over this next month and as of December 1, 2022, individuals without proper identification will not be allowed beyond the school office. It is the intent to consider further expansion of this system to our other buildings as we move into the second half of this school year. Individuals with designated school district identification badges will bypass the screening process.

Thank you for your commitment to our school district and for serving

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Go Bulldogs!

Dr. Todd R. Robinson, Superintendent