



ROMEIO
COMMUNITY
SCHOOLS

Board of Education
Regular Meeting

Monday, November 13, 2023



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**CELEBRATIONS &
SUCSESSES**



Hamilton-Parsons Elementary

- Hamilton Parsons students, staff and families had a great time participating in the Trunk or Treat and Halloween festivities!
- Mrs. Gary's class were the Fun Run winners and celebrated with confetti poppers.
- A *Leading with Joy* Parade took place to celebrate students that are chosen for joyfully making good choices.
- Students enjoyed participating in a PBIS 'Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe' assembly.





Indian Hills Elementary

- The Indian Hills Student Lighthouse Team has been appointed for the 2023-2024 school year! This team of student leaders from 2nd-5th grade, with the support of Mrs. Rocha, work together to guide the Leader in Me journey and lead the monthly Bulldog Round-Up assemblies.
- Craft Club has begun at Indian Hills! Each Tuesday after school, students in Craft Club get to express themselves through art. This club is made possible by the creativity and volunteerism of Anna Dylewski (Med Clerk), Julia Cherfoli (Office Assistant) and Emily Sawitzky (Indian Hills Guest Teacher). This Club is so popular that there is already a long waitlist for the winter session!



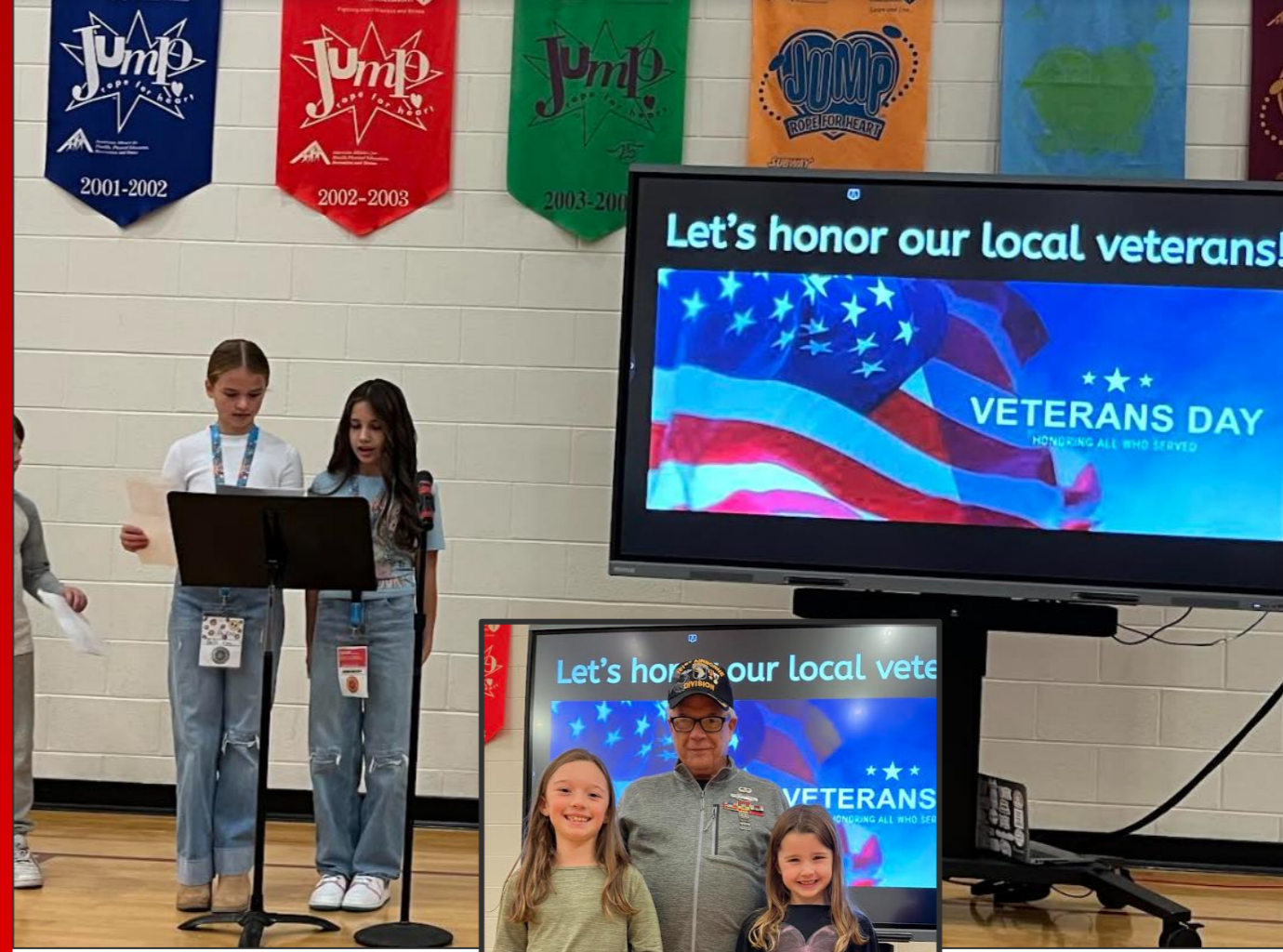
23-24 Lighthouse Team





Indian Hills Celebrates Veterans Day

On Friday, November 10, the Indian Hills Student Lighthouse team hosted the November Bulldog Round-Up, with some special recognition for our Veterans in honor of Veterans Day. Several local veterans, including our very own Dr. Robinson, were recognized by our Indian Hills students.





Washington Elementary

Washington Elementary hosted their second **Caring School Community** assembly of the year to celebrate students who have been recognized as exemplifying the trait of self-awareness. In addition, the joy chains were passed to two very deserving staff members and our students celebrated them as well.





Romeo Athletics

The Girls Cross Country Team won the State Title!!!

The team also had 4 All-State athletes in the process:

- ❖ **Annie Hrabovsky**
- ❖ **Natalia Guaresimo**
- ❖ **Emmerson Clor**
- ❖ **Lillian Deskins**

Congratulations!!!





Academies at RHS

CTE Advisory Board Meeting

The annual **CTE Academy Advisory Board Meeting** took place on November 9th. It began with a dinner prepared by our Culinary Arts students, followed by a short presentation from RHS leadership and ended with the individual advisory committees (aligned with our pathways) meeting in the teachers classrooms.





Fall Season Highlights

- The volleyball team won the **District Championship** but unfortunately lost the Regional Semi Finals against Flushing High School. Congratulations on a great season!
- **Alyssa Chambers** was awarded 'Swimmer of the Meet' at their Division Meet and advances to the State Finals on Nov. 17 and 18. Congratulations Alyssa!
- Congratulations to **Julia Stickel** who advanced to the Diving Regionals at Bloomfield Hills HS.





Presentation



Consent Action



Informational Updates



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Communications

Committee Reports

- *Finance Committee “Committee of the Whole”*
- *Facilities Committee*

Upcoming Meetings:

Policy - November 20th

Curriculum - November 27th

Facilities - December 4th



Grant Funding Update

31aa Public Act 103 of 2023 Grant-

School Mental Health and School Safety Initiatives

Consolidates several grants from last few years:

Section 31o- began in the 2021-2022 school year (hired two SSW)

- Intent of grant was to increase the number of school psychologists, school social workers, school counselors, and school nurses.
 - **Year 1:** Districts will receive up to 100% of the annual cost of staff
 - **Year 2:** Districts will receive up to 66% of the annual cost of those staff members
 - **Year 3:** Districts will receive up to 33% of the annual cost of those staff members ★

Section 97-School Safety

- Door hardware, Raptor system, 2-way radio network and equipment
(addressed more infrastructure needs)

Section 97c and 97d

- One time funding for risk assessments and critical incident mapping



Grant Funding Update

31aa Public Act 103 of 2023 Grant-

- Intent of the legislature that recipients will use at least 50% of the funds on activities related to improving student mental health

Current thoughts for the grant application:

Two SSW from expiring 31o grant

Portion of one SSW from expiring ESSER grant

New ECH SSW and New District School Psychologist

Continue to fund School Nurse

Two SROs

SafeEd staffing

Raptor annual fees

SEC contract

- *Assessment follow up and training exercise design and facilitation support*



Grant Funding Update

31aa Public Act 103 of 2023 Grant-

- Opportunity for community feedback
 - *Board of Education Public Comment*
 - *Email myself or the Superintendent with any feedback about the plan for 31aa use of funds*



Superintendent's Report

Academic Services Update -

Elementary-

- End of Trimester One - P/T Conferences
- CKLA Progress
- PD Recap
- Furniture Update

Secondary-

- RMS Transformation Master Planning
- District Technology Team
 - *Interactive Classroom Boards*
 - *MACUL & MVU Artificial Intelligence Conference*
- Nov 1st Professional Development
- Academy Advisory Board meeting, Nov 9



Superintendent's Report

2024 Millage Renewals- **Sinking Fund Millage**

- Presidential Primary Ballot Proposal February 27, 2024
- Renew previously voter approved 1.25 millage in November, 2019
- 5 year renewal
- Current millage expires December, 2024, final levy in July, 2024
- Sinking Fund generates \$3.4 million per year
 - Facility needs, Technology, Emergency repairs (*Transportation**)
- Levy assessed on all properties
- Subject to Headlee Rollback - *Current rollback to 1.21mils*



Superintendent's Report

2024 Millage Renewals- **Non-Homestead Millage**

- Presidential Primary Ballot Proposal February 27, 2024
- Renew previous voter approved 19.5 millage in November 2021 - 4 year renewal (*averted a Headlee Rollback*)
- Current millage expires December, 2024, final levy in July, 2024
- Primary residences are exempt from this millage
- Levied on businesses, second homes and vacant property
- Subject to Headlee Rollback
- Non Homestead Millage will Generate **\$9.8** million
 - *approximately 12 % of the General Fund*
- Funding is used for Operational Costs
- Maximum annually levy is 18mills
 - *State will not make up the shortfall if millage is not approved.*



Superintendent's Report

Bond Projects Update-

Group 2 (*November approvals*)

- Amanda Moore, Washington additions and Hevel STEM Room renovation
- Varsity Baseball and Varsity/JV Softball fields (*Field events relocation*)

Group 2 (*December approvals*)

- STEM and Robotics Facility (*RMS Campus*)
- RMS Outdoor Athletic Facilities (*Site redesign*)
 - *Includes reconfiguration of the parking lot/drive on north side of bldg.*
- Croswell Sitework - Phase 1 Playground

Group 2 (*January approvals*)

- Health and Safety - *Bottle filler drinking fountains*
- Administration Building



Superintendent's Report

Bond Projects Update-

Construction Project Costs:

- Escalation is becoming a reality (*30-40% increases*)
- Prioritizing Financial Commitment to projects
- Prioritizing projects for partial/modified funding
- Placing projects on hold
- Group 3 and Group 4 project analysis (*Dec - Feb*)

Facilities Assessment Realignment:

- Auditing completed bond projects
- Completed Sinking Fund projects
- Urgent needs (*new since last audit*)
- Recalibrating our priority timeframes (*1-3, 3-5, 5-7, 7-10 years*)
- Aligning available funding with needs



Superintendent's Report

Strategic Plan Update-

- Completing Year 1 Focus Area Progress Reports
 - *December 11th presentation*
- Developing Year 2 Action Plans
 - *Removing duplicate efforts*

District School Climate Survey 2.0-

- Reauthorizing the survey
 - *Strategic Plan alignment*
- Administration planning
 - *December administration (Staff, Parents and Students)*



PUBLIC COMMENT



ACTION ITEMS



**Board Discussion
for the
Good of the District**



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