Looking Ahead

We’ve said it before and I know we will say it many, many times going forward — THANK YOU! We truly appreciate the overwhelming support expressed by our community on November 7. As we dig into the facilities-related work — selecting vendors, gathering committees, planning communication, establishing timelines, and more — we strive to be good stewards with community tax dollars. We know these projects represent a significant investment in our community and our schools.

Since Election Day, we have hired an engineering firm for the school district’s Long-Term Facilities Maintenance (LTFM) projects as well as a construction management firm and an architectural firm for the LTFM and bond projects. Visit page 11 for more information about these organizations. As we proceed through the design process, there will be meetings with staff and community members regarding work at each site. We’re working on how to phase the work so we will get the most benefit for the community’s investment.

Before I close, I want to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt “thank you” to former Roseville School Board member and chair Mark Traynor for his service on behalf of our community. Mark has been a dedicated, vocal proponent of our district and we are fortunate to have had him serving on our school board. I wish Mark all the best in his future endeavors and hope to see him in the audience at a future school board meeting!

Aldo Sicoli
Superintendent
Spotlight: Roseville Students Celebrate Hour of Code

In December, schools around the world celebrated the Hour of Code, which introduces students to the field of computer science. “The activities are geared toward getting kids excited about computer science,” explains Miles Lawson, Roseville Area Schools’ curriculum coordinator for the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) program. “It’s an intentional effort to show students that something they can do as an 8 year old is the same thing an adult does as a career.”

Over the course of a week, students across the district participated in activities such as programming robots, creating their own video games and apps, meeting engineers from Abbott Laboratories to learn how doctors use computer programs to perform ablations with catheters on human hearts, and learning programming languages such as Swift, Scratch, Scratch Junior, and Python. “Coding isn’t this mysterious thing that only a few people can do,” says Lawson. “Anyone can be a computer software developer, and our workforce is going to need a lot of computer scientists and engineers soon, which means it is never too early to pique students’ interests in coding and programming.”

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Edgerton Earns Honorable Mention in #MakeItReal Contest

Edgerton Elementary School entered the #MakeItReal Contest sponsored by Autodesk and its Tinkercad tool. Tinkercad is a free online 3D design and 3D printing app teachers use to teach students the basics of 3D design. Recently the staff found out the school had received an Honorable Mention and therefore would receive 10 Chromebooks to enhance learning at the school.

MN Viking Eric Kendricks Visits Central Park

Eric Kendricks, a middle linebacker for the Minnesota Vikings, visited Central Park Elementary through his partnership with Sheridan Story. Sheridan Story provides weekend food for more than 70 Central Park families and four local faith communities help distribute the food each Friday. During his visit, Kendricks had students sign his game shoes, which he wore for a game against the Atlanta Falcons.

Community Dental Care Provides Free Dental Screenings for Students

During the school year, staff members from Community Dental Care provide free dental screenings and sealants for students in three Roseville elementary schools. The students learn about how to care for their teeth and their families receive the results of the dental screenings as well as recommendations for additional dental treatment.

Edgerton Dedicates New Library Reading Area

In January, Edgerton Elementary School donated a new reading area in its library. The Kiwanis Club donated bookcases, seating, bean bag chairs, and more than 700 books from Scholastic. Volunteers helped assemble the furniture over the summer and school staff labeled the books this fall to get them ready for students.

Rams Students Observe Dia de los Muertos

In the fall, Rams students in Sra. Kirsten Peterson and Sra. Kathryn Lopez’s Spanish classes talked about the celebration of Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead), a Hispanic holiday were families remember and honor their loved ones who have died. Students learned how to make papel picado, crepe paper flowers, and pan de muerto (a sweet bread with an orange glaze only made during the holiday). According to the teachers, the mini unit ended with students presenting a visual representation of what they learned. Many students created an “ofrenda” or memorial for someone in their life that had passed away and other students researched different aspects of the holiday.

Central Park, RAHS Art Students Collaborate on Monster Art

As part of a collaborative art project, 1st grade students from Central Park Elementary drew imaginary monsters. Students from Roseville Area High School’s Art Club, drawing and painting classes, and AP studio art class used those drawings as inspiration for their own interpretation of monsters. As the project concluded, the 49 first graders came to RAHS and visited with the high school students, viewed the “monster” art show in the media center, and participated in a drawing activity. The Monster Art is now on display at the Ramsey County Library-Roseville. Check it out!

Student Spells “Celiac” to Capture Brimhall Spelling Bee Title

In January, Brimhall Elementary hosted its annual spelling bee. Finalists from class spelling bees in grades 3-6 competed in the final. After 11 rounds, 4th grader Harry earned the bee trophy, spelling “celiac” correctly. Congratulations to Harry and all of the participants!

DECA Students Qualify for State Conference

On January 5, 50 Roseville Area High School students who participate in the DECA student organization, competed in the DECA District 2 Career Development Conference. According to advisor Travis Birklid, 28 students qualified for the DECA State Career Development Conference in March. Congratulations!
Spotlight: RAHS Student Gains Valuable Experience at MNDOT

According to Roseville Area High School senior Anmol Gurung, the RAHS AP Computer Science course he took at Stanford Pre-Collegiate Summer Institute are really what sparked his interest in pursuing a computer science degree after high school. Gurung transferred his interest into valuable career experience via a one-year paid internship position with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT). Since June 2017, Gurung has edited MNDOT maps to meet required standards by researching and assembling source maps while also examining and comparing CAD map files to detect differences and deficiencies.

"The people I work with are very kind and respectful. I have a lot of flexibility as to when I can get to work especially during the school year," Gurung says. He says he really enjoys the work he is doing because he is not only getting to know more about infrastructure development, but that his manager and colleagues are also very nurturing and want him to succeed at MNDOT and in the future.

RAHS Counselor John Kaiser says Gurung has expressed interest in potentially bringing the technology and his expertise back to his native Nepal after earning a computer science degree in college. "Yes! I want to gain knowledge through my work at MNDOT and learn as much as I can from these engineers," Gurung explains. "Nepal has been hit by natural disasters and I would like to bring the knowledge back to my home country."

"Anmol is a wonderful young man," says Kaiser. "His vision for himself and his career is tremendous."

Emmet D. Williams Elementary Students Perform Seussical the Musical

In partnership with the Emmet D. Williams PTA and Friendship Connection, students at EDW put on a wonderful performance of Seussical the Musical in December. The performance included appearances by some of the most beloved Dr. Seuss characters such as The Cat in the Hat, Horton the Elephant, Gertrude McFuzz, Lazy Matinee, and Jojo.

RAHS to Debut New Classes for 2018-2019 School Year

As part of an ongoing effort to meet the interests and needs of today's students, Roseville Area High School will introduce four new classes next school year.

- **Math for the Trades**: The 2-credit math course would be considered an equivalent to the Advanced Algebra course that is currently required. This course is designed for students who plan to go on to a 2-year trade school, offering students a hands-on and project-based approach to learning high school math skills in geometry and algebraic thinking.
- **American History through an African American Lens**: This class would be an equivalent to American Histories that students take during their junior year. The course would be a 2-credit course and would meet all the standards and credits that students would receive if they took the current course American Histories.
- **Beginning Band**: This is a course that will provide students with the opportunity to join band at the middle and high school level with limited or no prior experience. Students from other districts often join our district and want to join band; this allows them the opportunity to do so.
- **Popular Music**: Students in this course will form their own band, study basic music theory and elements of music, learn basic music composition, compose and perform their own music, as well as learn covers of popular music and popular music styles.

For more information about Roseville Area High School, visit isd623.org/rahs.

Rosenville Area High School are invited by Walker West Music Studios to perform at the Ordway in St. Paul with the national duo “Black Violin.” The students were Grace Bianchi, Nathan Belenus, Hannah Brooks, Breanna Farrar, Britney Kwateng, Kidut Wosenyeleh, and Arianna Richardson.

RAHS Musicians Perform with Black Violin at St. Paul’s Ordway

Spotlight: RAMS Hosts AVID Family Night

The Roseville Middle School AVID site team hosted a fun evening with their AVID students and families. All RAMS staff who are mentors with the AVID students also came to be a part of the evening and enjoyed pizza and activities.

The RAMS AVID Site Team created 11 stations for the families to go through to learn more about the AVID strategies and expectations. The stations focused on the WICOR (Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, and Reading) components that are used schoolwide at RAMS.

The families learned more about Cornell Notetaking, Goal Setting, Binder Organization, College-Bound information, AVID Mentors, iPad information, what “AVID Family” means, making a family pennant, AVID Family Prime parent group sign up, and ending with the AVID Family Photo Booth of fun costumes and props. The graduation caps and gowns were a hit with these college-bound students and families!

The AVID families also listened to an AVID student panel of former RAMS students and current AVID tutors who went through the AVID system. These current AVID RAHS students shared their experiences, answered questions, and talked about the benefits of the AVID system.

Interested in AVID? Contact Tara Bogenholz@isd623.org at RAMS and Anne Barnes@isd623.org at RAHS.

EDW, RAMS Students Participate on Girls on the Run Guest Panel

Roseville Girls on the Run participants from Emmet D. Williams Elementary and Roseville Area Middle School took part on a guest panel with Olympian gymnast Simone Biles. The Roseville students were chosen to represent the Twin Cities at this launch event, which was hosted by Target Corp. and Proctor and Gamble. The two companies have partnered to support Girls on the Run.

Career Seminar, Work Experience Students Meet United Health Group Mentors

Students from Stacey Werner’s Career Seminar and Mary Cahoy’s Work Experience at Roseville Area High School went to United Health Group to meet their E-mentors. According to Werner, students have been participating in E-mentoring through BestPrep. The students emailed employees for seven weeks, asking a variety of questions and learning about life as a professional. The meet and greet included lunch, conversation, and a tour of United Health Group. “Students learned a lot from this experience!” says Werner.
High School Students Participate in Construct Tomorrow

Roseville Area High School students took part in “Construct Tomorrow,” a hands-on introduction to the construction trades at Harriet Island in St. Paul. Students interacted with tradesmen from various construction trades including electricians, painters, window glaziers, iron workers, carpenters, and cement masons. Students were able to learn about the apprentice process and connect with tradesmen. This is the third year RAHS students have attended Construct Tomorrow.

Curtis Johnson Joins Roseville School Board

The Roseville School Board welcomed Curtis Johnson as its newest member. Johnson was elected to a seat on the board November 7. Kitty Gogins and Frank Shaw were re-elected to their seats. “I am beyond thrilled to join such a talented and dedicated group of individuals,” says Johnson. “The principal of Roseville Area Middle School, Dr. Tyrone Brooks, likes to ask the question, “What do you do with an idea?” His answer is always, “Change the world!” My hope is to listen to ideas from as many people and perspectives as possible to inform our decisions.” If you want to share your ideas about the district or talk science fiction, Johnson welcomes emails at curtis.johnson@isd623.org.

Weyer Earns National Board Certification

Joe Weyer, a math teacher at Roseville Area High School, is Roseville’s newest Nationally Board Certified teacher. Certification entails a rigorous process of learning and reflection and Roseville Area Schools is extremely proud of those educators who achieve this recognition. Congratulations, Joe!

Flatten, Curley Inducted into University of Minnesota Gymnastics Hall of Fame

Congratulations to Mike Flatten and Mark Curley, who were inducted into the University of Minnesota Gymnastics Hall of Fame and received the Lifetime Service Award for the 2018 class. In their 30-plus years with RAHS gymnastics program, they have led 47 gymnasts to All-Conference accolades and have won 15 conference championships as a team. What a wonderful and well-deserved honor!

Alpha Delta Kappa Chapter Presents Teacher Stipends

The Roseville Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, which is an international honorary organization of women educators, presented $250 stipends to three new Roseville teachers whose names were selected in a random drawing. The money is for classroom needs. In the left photo, Bonnie Spivak (left) and Cheryl House (right) from Alpha Delta Kappa are pictured with Sara Zimmerman-White, a RAHS chemistry teacher. In the right photo, Spivak and House are pictured with Alison Davies, a 3rd grade teacher at Little Canada Elementary, and Alicia Bjork, a 4th grade teacher at Harambee Elementary.

Early Childhood Family Education Offers Classes for the Whole Family

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) offers classes for the whole family and includes parenting education and discussion topics. Our programs:

- Provide support for a child’s optimal physical, intellectual, social, and emotional development during the important first years of life.
- Promote informed, realistic attitudes and expectations about raising children.
- Offer child development information and a variety of parenting techniques.
- Provide support to parents in their efforts in raising children.
- Help create effective communication in families.
- Provide information on resources available in the community.
- We offer day classes, evening and Saturday classes, drop-in and play classes, early childhood screening, PreK classes for 3-5 year olds, parenting classes, home visits, and more!

Parent Focus Classes Offer Great Discussions, Free Childcare

Parent Focus classes offer families an opportunity to participate in great parenting discussions. The Wednesday classes run from 5:30-7:15 PM and activities, discussion, childcare, and a light meal are FREE! No registration is needed.

- February 28 at Brimhall Elementary: Positive Communication Tools
- March 14 at Harambee Elementary: ScreenTime: How Much is Too Much?
- March 28 at Parkview Center School: Helicopter Parenting: Ways to Build Independence
- April 18 at Central Park Elementary: Help for Power Struggles
- April 26 at Harambee Elementary: Teaching Kids to be Responsible

Questions? Please call 651-604-3578.
The Roseville Athletic Hall of Fame recognizes Roseville Area Schools’ tradition of excellence by honoring former athletes, former coaches, and community members who have displayed outstanding athletic abilities or have made exceptional contributions to our school district’s athletic programs. This fall Roseville Area Schools announced the pioneer inductees into the Roseville Athletic Hall of Fame. The following coaches who served our students and community are the first inductees into what we know will be a proud tradition that honors our athletes, coaches, and community members.

### Juel Anderson
Juel Anderson coached volleyball, basketball, and softball in Roseville for 25 years. Coach Anderson was a member of the committee that developed girls’ sports for the Minnesota State High School League when Title IX was passed. During her time with Roseville, she coached junior high school girls swimming, volleyball, basketball, and track, as well as high school volleyball, basketball, and softball. Coach Anderson was inducted into the Minnesota Volleyball Coaches Association Hall of Fame and the Minnesota State High School League Hall of Fame.

### Whitey Aus
Whitey Aus taught and coached for Roseville Area Schools for 38 years. Coach Aus taught at Capital Junior High School and coached football, hockey, and baseball while also running the high school intramural program at Ramsey. He then moved to Kellogg High School where he taught physical education and health classes for 14 years while coaching boys’ hockey, football, and tennis. In the photo, Coach Aus is accompanied by his son Erik.

### Ken Bergstedt
Ken Bergstedt taught health and physical education at Alexander Ramsey High School from 1954-1985. As the coach of the Ramsey wrestling team from 1953 to 1975, his coaching record of 197-70-5 included eight district titles, five conference championships, and one state championship in 1980. Coach Bergstedt was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and the Roseville Area High School wrestling facility was dedicated in his honor in 2014.

### Paul Busch
Paul Busch taught health and physical education and coached cross-country at Alexander Ramsey High School and Roseville Area High School for 33 years. He also served as assistant wrestling coach under Ken Bergstedt and assistant track coach under Kent Smith. Coach Busch’s teams won 20 conference titles, 19 district titles, 12 regional titles, and two state championships. He was inducted into the Minnesota Coaches Hall of Fame, the St. Cloud State Hall of Fame, and the Minnesota Cross Country Coaches Hall of Fame. At the induction ceremony, Kevin Busch accepted the award on his father’s behalf.

### Gordy Genz
Gordy Genz coached boys hockey at Alexander Ramsey High School from 1962-1986 and Roseville Area High School from 1986-1994. At Ramsey, Coach Genz’s teams won six regional titles and were state consolation champions two of those years. At RAHS, his teams competed in the state tournament including a memorable two-overtime game vs. Hill Murray in 1987. Coach Genz was named State High School Coach of the Year in 1973 and Region Coach of the Year in 1987. He was inducted into the Humboldt High School Hall of Fame, the Hamline Athletic Hall of Fame, the Minnesota Hockey Coaches Association Hall of Fame, and the Minnesota State High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

### Bob Erdman
Bob Erdman was on the staff of Alexander Ramsey High School where he coached basketball and was a high school counselor for 19 years. Though he left to coach men’s basketball at Gustavus, Coach Erdman returned to Ramsey where he coached girls basketball for eight years. Over the course of his career, Coach Erdman had teams that went to state tournaments seven times. Fourteen of his teams earned conference championships. Erdman was inducted into the St. James High School Hall of Fame, Gustavus Adolphus Athletic Hall of Fame, the Minnesota Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame, and the Minnesota Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

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### John Strand
John Strand spent 33 years of his career teaching within Roseville Area Schools. He started the Nordic ski program in Roseville and coached the sport for 26 years. Coach Strand also served as head varsity baseball coach at Alexander Ramsey High School for 24 years. During his time coaching in Roseville Area Schools, Coach Strand had 12 conference championships, 18 section championships, and 2 state team titles in Nordic skiing.

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Our sincere gratitude to RASF for funding access to this exam along with so many students across our district,” said Dr. Jenny Loeck, director of secondary education. “We are fortunate to have RASF, which generously provides many opportunities for financial support of the Roseville Area Schools Foundation (RASF), RAHS and FAHS since 2015, taking a college readiness exam has been a high school graduation requirement. This exam is required, but not paid for, by the state so without the financial support of the Roseville Area Schools Foundation (RASF), RAHS and FAHS, we would not be able to charge students an exam fee.

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Minnesota Thursdays Feature Fresh, Local Ingredients
Students across Roseville Area Schools are enjoying fresh, local lunches as part of Nutrition Services “Minnesota Thursday” event featuring local ingredients. December’s lunch featured turkey wild rice soup (with Fresh Market diced turkey thighs and Inarinvest wild rice), roasted sweet potatoes, and milk from Agropur. January’s lunch featured thousand Hills beef hot dogs from Cannon Falls, Pan-O-Gold whole grain buns (St. Cloud), and coleslaw using green cabbage from Open Hands Farm in Northfield. Delicious!

Foundation Awards Nearly $60,000 in Teacher Grants
The Roseville Area Schools Foundation recently awarded nearly $60,000 in grants to fund innovative programs that will benefit students in all Roseville Area Schools. Thank you for your gifts! Your generous donations funded 45 amazing projects, including:

- The launch of a robotics team at Roseville Area Middle School
- Ukuleles, violins, and other instruments for elementary school students
- A “Hands-on History” program for Fairview Alternative High School
- Holki stools, tall tables, and other flexible seating options to improve learning for students
- Multicultural leadership training at Roseville Area High School
- Non-fiction Spanish and a variety of other books to foster a love of reading for elementary school students

Foundation Funds College Readiness Exams
On April 3, all 11th graders in Minnesota will take the American College Test (ACT). Since 2015, taking a college readiness exam has been a high school graduation requirement. This exam is required, but not paid for, by the state so without the financial support of the Roseville Area Schools Foundation (RASF), RAHS and FAHS, we would need to charge students an exam fee.

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Vendor Selection: Project Oversight/Engineering Services — Karges Faulconbridge, Inc.
As part of the district’s Long-Term Facilities Maintenance (LTFM) plan, a Request for Quote and Statement of Qualifications for engineering services for the district’s long-term facilities maintenance projects was issued on September 26, 2017. Proposals were received from Karges Faulconbridge, Inc.; Lawal Scott Erickson Architects, Inc.; LHB Corporation, Inc.; and Wold Architects & Engineers.

A district committee interviewed representatives of each firm on October 27, 2017. The committee determined that Karges Faulconbridge, Inc. (KFI) was the most qualified firm to provide engineering services for Roseville Area Schools. LSE Architects will be providing architectural services as a subcontractor of Karges Faulconbridge, Inc. The school board authorized the selection of KFI at its regular meeting on November 14, 2017.

Vendor Selection: Construction Management — Kraus-Anderson Construction Co.
In preparation for the execution of the extensive LTFM projects authorized by the school board and the $144 million building bond referendum approved by voters, the district is in need of assistance in managing the multi-year large scope of work to be completed. District administration considered different approaches to managing the upcoming construction including in-house management, an individual consultant, and an Owner’s Representative model, but determined that the Construction Manager Advisor/Agent (CMA) is the most efficient and best suited to the district’s needs.

The CMA will work directly for the district and be involved in all phases of preconstruction, construction, and post construction including design, estimating, budgeting, bid administration, scheduling, construction supervision, safety program implementation, contractor coordination, and project closeout including warranty administration.

If you are interested in supporting RASF and learning more about the great work it does on behalf of Roseville students and staff, please visit rosevilleareaschoolsfoundation.org.

A district team interviewed the Kraus-Anderson team to partner with the district to serve as the CMA for our LTFM and building bond referendum projects. Kraus-Anderson is one of the Midwest’s largest general contractors and construction managers, having extensive experience in K-12 education construction. As authorized by statute, the district did not issue a formal RFP for these professional services.

Upon successful passage of the bond referendum on November 7, 2017, Roseville Area Schools issued an RFP for architectural services related to the bond work. District staff and community stakeholders had been working with Wold Architects over the past two years to update the long-term facilities plan. With completion of the plan development, board approval of the LTFM plan, and successful passage of the building bond referendum on November 7, the RFP was issued to address the next phase of the master facilities plan implementation including remodeling and new construction.

A district committee interviewed representatives of each firm on December 12, 2017. Based on a number of factors including industry experience, feedback from others, and the interview process, the committee recommended hiring LSE to provide architectural services for Roseville Area Schools’ construction projects. The school board authorized the hiring of LSE at its regular meeting on December 19, 2017.

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Roseville Area Middle School Celebrates the Opening of the IDEA Lab

On January 16, Roseville Area Middle School hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the opening of the RAMS IDEA Lab featuring innovative technology and spaces to inspire students in the areas of innovation, design, engineering, and art.

Roseville Area Schools would like to thank the Roseville Area Schools Foundation and the Falcon Heights/Lauderdale Lions Club for their generous donations to the IDEA Lab. The foundation donated $35,000 as part of its 2016-2017 grants cycle for the IDEA Lab, which represented the first installment of a four-year, $100,000 funding commitment. The Falcon Heights/Lauderdale Lions Club donated $20,000 to fund the IDEA Lab Lending Library. The library will allow IDEA Lab tools to be checked out by RAMS teachers and other Roseville schools for use in classrooms.