

June 2023



The Rose Tree Media Board of School Directors held a Legislative Meeting on June 15, 2023

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Highlights

School Meals for All Resolution Receives Unanimous Board Approval

The Rose Tree Media Board of School Directors approved a resolution at its June Legislative Meeting in support of [SB180](#) and [HB180](#), state legislation that would offer universal school meals benefits to all students and end the stigma associated with free school meals.



Studies show that [School Meals for All](#) results in improved attendance, behaviors, participation, academic performance, and better overall health.

RTMSD Will Present Capital Projects Plan This Fall

Community input and engagement play a vital role in the success of the Rose Tree Media School District and the well-being of our students. We greatly appreciate the valuable feedback we have received from community members regarding ideas related to Capital Projects.

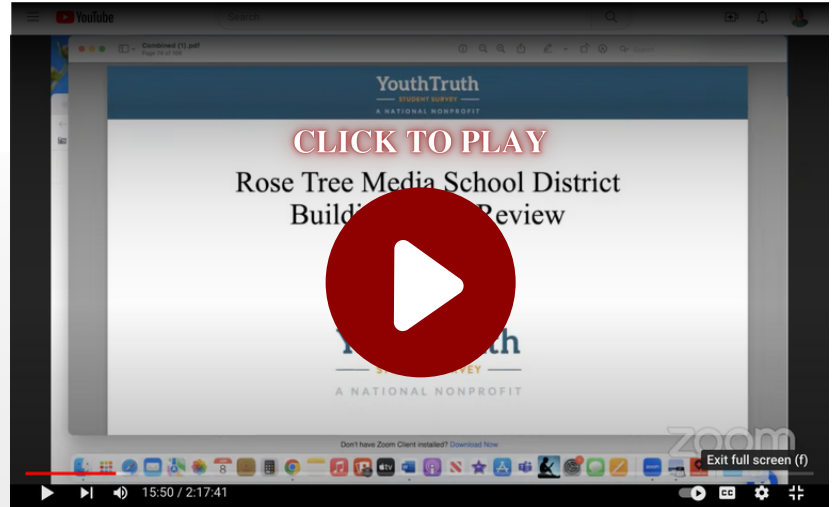
Capital projects encompass significant initiatives involving the construction, renovation, or improvement of our facilities. These projects are thoughtfully planned and executed with the aim of enhancing the learning environment and meeting the evolving needs of our educational community.

As part of our regular process, school districts conduct a Facility Feasibility Study approximately every 5 to 10 years. In December 2022, the school board approved a feasibility study specific to our district. Building upon its findings, the administration plans to present a comprehensive capital projects plan to the school board in the fall of 2023. This plan will be made available for public review and comment following the presentation.

The board of school directors looks forward to sharing this information with you.

Youth Truth Survey Results Released, Discussed

The Board of School Directors heard a presentation about the results of the [2023 Youth Truth Survey](#) at its Work Session on June 8, 2023. Ralph Harrison, Administrator for Safe and Inclusive Schools, and school principals shared the overall results as well as school-by-school insights based on data from this annual survey of students, staff, and families.



To view the presentation, please watch the [archived video of the June Work Session](#), beginning at the 15:50 mark.

Points of Pride

Members of the Boys and Girls track teams at Penncrest High School were honored by the Board of School Directors for their athletic achievements:



The **Boys track 4x800 relay team** won the PIAA State Championship, the first for a boys' track relay team in Penncrest school history! **Team members are Shane Hall, Brendan Hefferan, Ben Holst-Rightley, and Kadin Salaria.**



The **Girls' 4x100 relay team** earned the 8th place medal at the state championship. **Team members are Olivia Clark, Zoe Clark, Maddux Morgan, and Regina Zizivily.**

We are saddened to report the death of **Steven Rhoades**, a bus driver who served the Rose Tree Media School District for 8 years.

Our heartfelt condolences go out to his family.

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