

## Highlights

### Board of School Directors Elects Officers, Reorganizes

On December 7, 2021, the RTM Board of School Directors held its reorganization meeting as required under the appropriate sections of Article IV of the School Laws of Pennsylvania.

The Honorable Richard H. Lowe, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware County administered the Oaths of Office to newly elected board director Ken Dinitz and newly re-elected board members Susan Henderson-Utis, Robert Kelly and Theresa Napson-Williams.

The Board elected Susan Henderson-Utis as President and Theresa Napson-Williams as Vice President.

The Board also approved the schedule of upcoming board meetings in 2022. These dates are available at: <https://www.rtmsd.org/Administration2/board>.

### District Health & Safety Plan Revisions Approved

The Board approved revisions to the District's [Health & Safety Plan](#) at its Legislative Meeting on December 16. Three changes were made to the Plan as a result of the Board's action:

1. The Health and Safety Plan will use local rates of transmission as defined by the Delaware County Board of Health, when available, to determine levels of transmission and when masking will be required.
2. The Health and Safety Plan now reflects a uniform masking policy for students in grade Kindergarten through 6th that parallels the masking policy in place for students in grades 7th through 12th at any given time.
3. The Health and Safety Plan now allows limited, essential visitors to school buildings and requires visitors to show proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test within 24 hours of the visit.

A fourth proposed revision failed on a 4-4 tie vote. It would have allowed for the identification of a transmission level of a "low substantial" range along with a less-than-1% incidence rate in a school building over a 2-week period to move to a mask optional policy.

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The Rose Tree Media Board of School Directors held a Reorganization Meeting on December 7, 2021 and its monthly Legislative Meeting on December 16, 2021

*Next Committee Meeting:*

January 13, 2022

*Next Legislative Meeting:*

January 27, 2022

### Board of Education Members

Susan Henderson-Utis  
*President*

Theresa Napson-Williams  
*Vice President*

Ken Dinitz  
Hillary Fletcher  
Jackie Gusic  
Shelley Hunt  
Robert Kelly  
Susan Layne  
Kelly Schaffer

### Student Board Representatives

Ava Finnegan  
Mckenzie Grant  
Neil Sen

### Superintendent

Dr. Eleanor DiMarino-Linnen

*More information available at*  
[www.rtmsd.org/administration/board](http://www.rtmsd.org/administration/board)

## 2021-22 School Year Calendar Changes Approved by Board

The RTM Board of School Directors approved changes to the [2021-2022 School Year Calendar](#) at its Legislative Meeting on December 17, 2021. Both January 21, 2022 and February 17, 2022, will now be half-days for all K-12 students. Previously, January 21 was scheduled as a half-day for Penncrest only, and February 17 was scheduled as a half-day only for K-8 students.

## Board, Superintendent Honor Eagle Scouts

The RTM Board of School Directors and Dr. Eleanor DiMarino-Linnen, Superintendent, presented the Rose Tree Media Award to the following students from Troop 430 for achieving Eagle Scout rank: Dillon Blosenski, Chas Katz, Anthony Randazzo and AJ Torrillo.

Dillon planted 50 native trees in Ridley Creek State Park, Chase planned and oversaw cutting and sewing bolts of material to make masks for the essential workers at Elwyn, a project entitled “Masks for Many.” Anthony designed and oversaw the building of an outdoor classroom at Glenwood Elementary, and AJ organized a candy drive and oversaw the process of creating and distributing treat bags as a Holiday Joy Drive for the Media Food Bank.



## Website Offers FAQs on New Elementary School

Launched by the District in early 2021, the [Room to Learn, Room to Grow](#) website offers information and answers to a set of Frequently Asked Questions about the new elementary school building project. The website also provides an opportunity for community members and district families to [provide input](#) on the district’s plans for enrollment growth.

More information about the planned construction of the elementary school in Edgmont Township is available here: <https://www.roomtolearnroomtogrow.org/plan>.

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