

ROCHELLE PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

State of the District Address



February 21, 2023

**Presented by:
Dr. Sue DeNobile, Superintendent**

The purpose of this presentation is to provide stakeholders with awareness of the district's performance, programs, and services.

Agenda

- ★ Welcome
- ★ Introductions
- ★ Mission and Vision
- ★ Programs & Services
- ★ Community & Partnerships
- ★ Future Steps

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Mission Statement

We envision an **educational community which inspires and empowers all students to become self-sufficient and thrive** in a complex, global society.

Vision Statement

- Establish and maintain a **shared responsibility** among home, school and the greater community which fosters student learning, accountability, and citizenship.
- To provide curricula that enables **all students to meet or exceed** current national, state and local **standards**.
- We will utilize a variety of formative and summative **assessments** in order to **differentiate and guide instruction**.
- The district, as a Professional Learning Community, will provide ongoing **professional development** training and opportunities for collaboration among faculty and staff.
- Provide a **safe and nurturing environment** where all students have free access to academic and extra-curricular programs.

Priorities

- ★ Provide a safe and healthy environment
- ★ Promote connections with families and home-school communication
- ★ Increase student achievement
- ★ Expand in district special education services
- ★ Enhance services for social and emotional growth
- ★ Maintain fiscal responsibility

Enrollment

School	# of Students (as of February 17, 2023)	Grades
Midland School	497	PreK - 8
Hackensack High School*	136	9 - 12
Bergen County Academies & Technical Schools*	44	9 - 12
Morris County Technical Schools*	1	9 - 12
Bergen Arts & Science Charter Schools***	3	K-12
Special Education Out of District**	21	Ages 3 - 21
TOTAL # of students serviced by the district	699	
*Tuition and Transportation **Tuition, Transportation, and CST Case Management *** Local Share Costs		7

Enhancing Instruction, Programs, & Services

- ❖ New Master Schedule:
 - Grades 6-8 impact:
 - Increased cross curricular support and learning opportunities
 - Provided 3 new courses: Career Explorations, Financial Literacy, Civics
 - Ensured full year of Spanish study for grade 8
 - Maintained STEM / Preparing for STEAM
 - Maintained advanced level classes for Math
 - Provided self-contained program for grades 6-8
- ❖ Readers and Writers Workshop - Balanced Literacy instruction (Grant funded)
- ❖ PreK through Grade 8 Self contained Special Education Program
- ❖ Continued a 2nd section of PreK
 - *Providing much needed service to the school community at a low rate while covering all associated costs*
- ❖ Maintained Educational Technology of 1:1 devices and online programs
- ❖ Prepared for STEAM

More...

Enhancing Instruction, Programs, & Services

- ❖ RTI and I&RS
- ❖ NJSLA Test Prep
- ❖ Extended School Day (*Grant funded*)
- ❖ Summer Transition Program (*Grant funded*)
- ❖ ESY (Extended School Year)
- ❖ Care Program - Before and After School
 - *Providing much needed service to the school community at a low rate while covering all associated costs*
- ❖ Personnel
 - recruit and retain to ensure continuity and stability
 - BOE & RPEA collective bargaining agreement

Partnerships: *Increasing our capacity*

- ❖ Rochelle Park Township:
 - RPPD / SRO
 - DPW
- ❖ Hackensack High School - Send/Receive Agreement
 - HHS Class of 2022 Top 20, 4 were Midland School Alumni including Valedictorian!
 - Improved communications for special services placements
- ❖ Midland School PTO:
 - School spirit, social activities,
 - Fundraising, donations including new bleachers
- ❖ Transportation:
 - South Bergen Jointure Commission (SBJC)
 - Maywood Public School District
- ❖ SBJC providing increased opportunities for:
 - Professional development
 - Curriculum writing - consistent across 17 districts in Bergen County
 - Special education consulting for related services
 - Transportation

Academic Progress

- ◆ NJSLA Spring 2022
 - presented on 10/18/22 & available at <https://www.rochellepark.org/Page/1883>
- ◆ Start Strong Fall 2022
 - presented on 1/24/23 & available at <https://www.rochellepark.org/Page/1883>
- ◆ Benchmark Assessments: LinkIt (Fall, Winter, Spring)
- ◆ Progress Reports, quarterly
- ◆ Marking Period Grades, quarterly
- ◆ Parent/Teacher Conferences
- ◆ I&RS (Intervention & Referral Service) Program

**** COMING SOON - NJSLA SPRING 2023 ****

Healthy Children, Healthy Environment

Midland School meets students' diverse needs through a system of support including social-emotional, physical health, and nutrition. These supports serve to create an environment where students feel safe and nurtured, and enhance growth and learning.

- ❖ Extra-Curricular Opportunities: Academic, Arts, Athletics, Assemblies
- ❖ Social-Emotional support beyond the classroom: Special Services Department
 - Guidance Counseling, Wellness Coordinator, Child Study Team, Director of Special Services
- ❖ Nutrition:
 - Food services: Lunch and Breakfast
 - Free/Reduced Lunch Applications
- ❖ School Nurse:
 - Certified School Nurse providing direct services
 - Wellness checks and screenings
 - Illness support: Stay home when not well

More...

Healthy Children, Healthy Environment

- ◆ **Attendance:** Students who have positive attendance have increased opportunities for
 - Academic growth
 - Social skill development
 - Increased sense of belonging to a school family
 - Access to enrichment opportunities
 - Understanding the importance of education to their future

- ◆ **Facilities:**
 - Cleanliness and Air Quality
 - Construction/Reconstruction
 - Custodians & Contracted Services

Facility Developments:

- ❖ Parking Lot and Drop Off Zone - improving safety and accessibility
- ❖ Playground
 - improving student physical and social development
 - multi-use courts: basketball, pickleball, four square
 - pavilion: outdoor learning space
- ❖ Air Conditioning & Air Ionization
 - improving air quality, attendance, and performance
- ❖ Reconstruction of classrooms and offices
 - improving learning spaces
(4 floods between Jan 2021 and July 2022)
- ❖ STEAM Room - coming soon!
 - providing comprehensive and rewarding learning experiences
 - offering our students *a leading edge*

Community & Communication:

- ❖ Wellness Events: Students AND Families (*Grant funded*)
- ❖ SEPAG: Special Education Parent Advisory Group
- ❖ Title I School-Parent Compact and services (*Grant funded*)
- ❖ Realtime:
 - Notifications via email, phone, text
 - Parent portal and Parent App
 - PreK & KDG Registration
- ❖ Parent-Teacher Conferences
- ❖ Virtual Backpack, Website announcements, Twitter: [@RpMidland](https://twitter.com/RpMidland)
- ❖ Our Town
- ❖ Midland Pride newsletters
- ❖ Board of Education meetings

Looking Ahead: We will continue to...

- ★ WELCOME & EMBRACE ALL STUDENTS!
- ★ develop student programs and services
- ★ implement competitive curriculum & instruction, provide new where warranted (Science and Social Studies)
- ★ provide a safe and healthy environment
- ★ recruit and retain talented, highly qualified faculty, staff, and administrators
- ★ provide professional development
- ★ provide educational technology, maintain current resources, replace outdated devices
- ★ pursue grants: facilities (HVAC, gym floor, security cameras) and PreK
- ★ ensure resources for our students: re-registration (grades 9-12) and residency verifications (all grades)
- ★ be fiscally responsible (Budget presentation on April 25, 2023)

Partnership: A Key to Success

We value you and embrace partnerships between school and home

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AND, Your Child's Teacher

THANK
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