

# **Board Meeting Highlights**

Friday, January 27, 2023

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#### **Annual Education Results Report:**

The Associate Superintendent of Curriculum presented the 2021-2022 Annual Education Results Report to the Board of Trustees. RDCRS recognizes that the strong results from the 2021/2022 school year are a result of our staff's significant efforts. Our students' school day begins with the friendly greeting of a bus driver and continues late into the evening with our staff coaching practices and games, directing a play or musical, or leading youth ministry events. It is this collective teamwork for all our students that makes RDCRS an extraordinary place, and RDCRS has seen this in the feedback from our staff, students, and parents. RDCRS would like to sincerely thank everyone for their tireless efforts on behalf of our students and their families.

The Board of Trustees approved the Annual Education Results Report for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented. To view the Annual Education Results Report, please click here.

#### **Middle School Program Change Proposal:**

The Associate Superintendent of Inclusive Learning presented the Program Change Proposal: Moving Foundations and Blended Programs from St. Francis of Assisi Middle School to St. Lorenzo Ruiz Middle School Report to the Board of Trustees. The proposal outlined a relocation of the Foundations and Blended programs from St. Francis of Assisi Middle School to St. Lorenzo Ruiz Middle School.

The purpose of the relocation is to maximize programming space which will result in optimal learning opportunities for RDCRS students. Another key factor in the relocation is the current high student enrollment at St. Francis of Assisi Middle School as a result of our grandfathering guidelines.

The Board of Trustees approved moving forward with the relocation of the Foundations and Blended Programming at St. Francis of Assisi Middle School to St. Lorenzo Ruiz Middle School, effective for the 2023-2024 school year.

#### **Preparation to Open St. Lorenzo Ruiz Middle School Report:**

The Superintendent shared with the Board of Trustees the Preparation to Open St. Lorenzo Ruiz Middle School Report and provided an update of the progress to date. As RDCRS continues to prepare for the Division's new middle school, the Superintendent informed the Board of Trustees that a core team of educators, transportation department representatives and senior leadership personnel have been assembled to start preparations for St. Lorenzo Ruiz. This team will be undergoing extensive work over the next six months as communication with RDCRS stakeholders is pivotal. The core team met on January 18 and will continue to meet regularly for ongoing discussion, collaboration and preparation.

The Superintendent also highlighted transportation and grandfathering guidelines that are currently in effect for the Division. To view the full Preparation to Open St. Lorenzo Ruiz Middle School Report, please click here.

The next Board Meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

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