Raising Racine: Three Years of Making Progress & Keeping our Commitments
Raising Racine Priorities

Create positive learning environments for all schools

Close achievement gaps for students of color and special education

Raise student achievement, particularly in Reading & Math
Raising Racine: Three Years of Progress

Student
Achievement

Referendum

What’s new, RUSD?

RACINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Raising Racine 3-Year Commitments

✓ Refresh North Star vision
✓ Full-day 4K expansion
✓ Reduce class size
✓ Provide rich PD & coaching for teachers
✓ Transform high schools
✓ Add support of at-risk students
✓ Align budgets to priorities
✓ Strengthen community and parent engagement
✓ Develop new school and District websites and communication strategies

Underway for 2016-17:
• Standards-based grading and report cards (K-12)
• High quality Gifted & Talented program serving students at all schools
• Dual language program evaluation will determine future direction for immersion
• Develop strong middle school choice options for families
Steadiy increasing the percent of students at the national average

- Spring 14: 38.5%
- Spring 15: 40.8%
- Spring 16: 43.8%

Student-Centered Decisions • High Expectations • Equity • Diversity • Strong Relationships • Unity • Respect
Math – Percent of Students at National Average

- Spring 14: 36.2%
- Spring 15: 38.7%
- Spring 16: 39.3%

Student-Centered Decisions • High Expectations • Equity • Diversity • Strong Relationships • Unity • Respect
Freshmen On-Track with 6 or More Credits

- 4 times as likely to graduate
- Freshmen Advocates provide support
- Eliminated remedial courses & increased online credit recovery
- Going forward – Measure 7 credits including algebra

Bar chart showing progression from 2012-13 to 2015-16:
- 2012-13: 60.4%
- 2013-14: 64.3%
- 2014-15: 73.4%
- 2015-16: 71.9%
Graduation Rates 2009-2015

Percent of Students Graduating 4 Year Cohorts

- 2010 graduates: 67.0%
- 2011 graduates: 68.1%
- 2012 graduates: 69.9%
- 2013 graduates: 72.8%
- 2014 graduates: 78.1%
- 2015 graduates: 74.4%

District

State

88.4%
Referendum Commitment – On Track

Increase District non-referendum maintenance budget over the next 15 years
Taxes will decrease $0.60 - $0.80 per $1,000 assessed value
Comparison of Equalized Tax Levy Rates

- RUSD (FY16): $10.63
- Oak Creek-Franklin: $9.80
- KUSD: $10.88
- Burlington: $11.04
- Muskego-Norway: $10.31
- Milwaukee: $12.47
- Madison: $12.08
- State Average: $10.24
- RUSD (Est. FY17): ~$9.70-$10.00

**Estimate**
Keeping our Commitments

- Raising Racine priorities
- Facilities Budget
- Stable Property Tax Rate
What’s new, RUSD?
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- Strategic Plan for 2022
- Behavior and School Climate Plan
- Early Learning Expansion
- Academies of Racine Launch
- New Schools Opening
Raising Racine 2022 – Strategic Plan

- **Set priorities for the next 5 years**
- **Four Pillars of Excellence**
  - Student Learning
  - Fiscal and operational excellence
  - Culture and environment
  - Partnerships and community
- **Continuous improvement model**
  - Data and accountability-based with annual measurable targets
  - Regular surveys to gauge progress (students, parents, staff and community)
3-year strategic plan to address behavior and school climate

• Expanding school-based mental health clinics
• Community policing model
• Expansion of programs
  – Culturally Responsive Teaching Strategies
  – PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports)
  – Responsive Classroom Model
  – Violence-Free Zones support
  – Address truancy
  – Suicide prevention and awareness

• Alternative education
  – Increased capacity to serve high-needs behavior-challenged students
  – GED Option 2 for students 17 or over
  – Continue to increase 5-year graduation rate
Early Learning Expansion

This fall:
- Montessori Program
- Expansion of Parent-Child Oriented Classroom Program
- Expansion of full-day 4K classrooms & funding streams
• Ford Next Generation Learning (Ford NGL) community
• Freshman Academy launch
• 21st century learning assures students graduate Career and College ready
Three New Schools

On time and under budget

• **Knapp Elementary:** Community School model in partnership with United Way of Racine County
• **Olympia Brown Elementary:** Science-focus school
• **Gifford School:** Expanding to K-8 campus
• 21st century furniture design & technology
• Design and construction for REAL School in partnership with Gateway Technical College (Fall 2017)
Please Join Us! - New School Dedication Events

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**Olympia Brown Elementary:**
5:00 – 7:00 pm

**Knapp Elementary:**
4:30 – 6:30 pm

**Gifford School:**
2:30 – 5:00 pm
What’s new, RUSD? - Lots More!

More excellent opportunities for students
PTLW, AP & IB, Virtual Learning
Middle School Transformation
New math curriculum
Gifted & Talented program redesign
Consistent start & end times
Transportation available to more students
Review of facility needs
Lean Six Sigma project
RUSD mobile app development
We are a new RUSD...
We are Unified.