



Rocky River City School District

State of the Schools

January 11, 2021

Hosted by Rotary Club of Lakewood/Rocky River



Rocky River

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Caring • Exceptional • Competitive

STATE OF THE SCHOOLS OVERVIEW

- WELCOME
- OUR MISSION AND STRATEGIC PLAN
- 2020 STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
- RRCSD RESPONSE TO COVID-19 & REOPENING PLANS
- DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION, & JUSTICE (DEIJ) EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES
- DISTRICT SAFETY
- PROJECTED 2021 LEVY
- DISTRICT FINANCES
- RRCSD RECOGNITION
- CONCLUSION
- RESOURCES



OUR MISSION

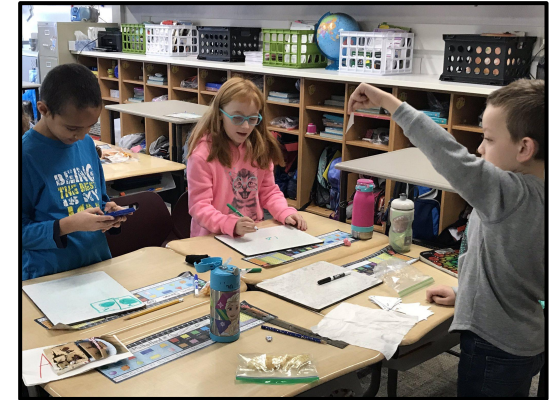
- At the Rocky River City School District, we strive daily to provide a **CARING** environment and **EXCEPTIONAL** opportunities, resulting in globally **COMPETITIVE** and **SUCCESSFUL** students.

STRATEGIC PLAN & QUALITY PROFILE

- The Rocky River City School District Strategic Plan is an outline of actions designed to achieve desired goals. It is a statement of our District's mission, beliefs, and goals. It defines what we as a community value for our schools, and details objectives for our District and strategies to reach them.
- In the Quality Profile, you can learn about innovative learning experiences, AP scores, activities and athletics, financial ratings, parent support groups, and much more.



2020 STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



2020 STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- 10 RRHS students earned National Merit Scholarship Program honors.
 - 5 RRHS students were named National Merit Scholarship finalists
 - 5 RRHS students were named National Merit Commended students
- 83 RRHS seniors received a Diploma with honors.
- 15 RRHS seniors awarded an AP Capstone Diploma.
- 84 RRHS students from the Class of 2021 inducted into National Honor Society.
- RRHS student selected to All-National Honor Ensemble as 1st Trumpet.
- 4 RRHS students placed second at the Hyland Software Innovation Showdown.
- 3 RRHS students combined to earn six Scholastic Art Awards.
- 2 RRHS students received the National History Day Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board History Day Award (Senior Division) for their website entry on the Live Aid Concert.
- Boys swimming team placed fifth at the state meet and girls team placed 25th.
- Girls soccer team advanced to the state semifinals.



2020 STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- 30 RRMS students earned National Spanish Exam Awards.
 - 1 Gold Award
 - 5 Silver Awards
 - 7 Bronze Awards
 - 17 Honorable Mention Awards
- 19 RRMS 8th graders earned Principal's Award for all A's during time at RRMS.
- 11 RRMS students were selected for the district competition in *The Patriot's Pen*, national essay contest sponsored by the VFW.
- RRMS Division B Science Olympiad team qualified for the state tournament.
- 4 Destination Imagination teams advanced to the state competition.



STUDENT ENROLLMENT

- Future Think enrollment projections are available at: [**www.RRCS.org/Superintendent**](http://www.RRCS.org/Superintendent)



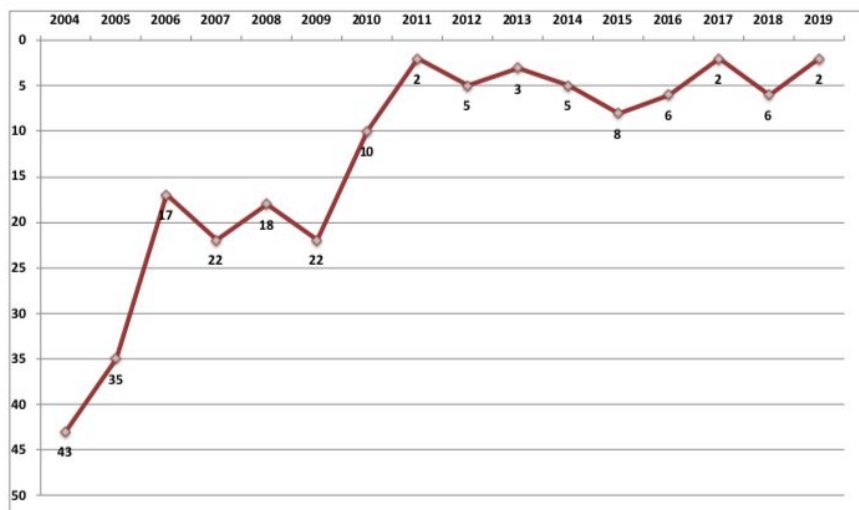
PROJECTED ENROLLMENT

Year	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Projected	2674	2803	2833	2830	2838	2839	2809	2787	2765
Actual	2703	2708	2701	2707	2610				



2020 OHIO SCHOOL REPORT CARD

- The state's education community experienced unprecedented impacts during the 2019-2020 school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Due to the ordered school-building closure, limited data exists compared with prior years.
- Letter grades and ratings are not available for the 2019-2020 school year.



Year	Rank
2020	No report card
2019	2nd
2018	6th
2017	2nd
2016	6th
2015	8th
2014	5th
2013	3rd
2012	5th

Year	Rank
2011	2nd
2010	10th
2009	22nd
2008	18th
2007	22nd
2006	17th
2005	35th
2004	43rd



RRCSD RESPONSE TO COVID-19 & REOPENING PLANS



RESPONSE TO COVID-19

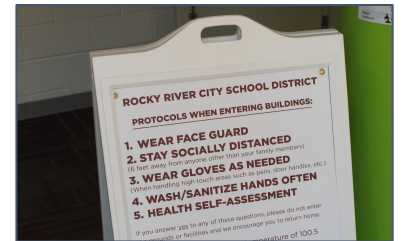
- Schools closed per Governor's order in mid-March and remained closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.
 - *Continued with remote instruction, mental health resources, lunch distribution, technology services*
- *Rr 20/20 Vision Committee* met to develop reopening plans with the health, safety and well-being of students, staff and community as the top priority.
 - *Included parents/guardians, students, staff, medical professionals, safety experts, Board of Education members, first responders, community members.*
- 2020-2021 school year has included multiple instructional models.
- Return to Green Plan approved for implementation.



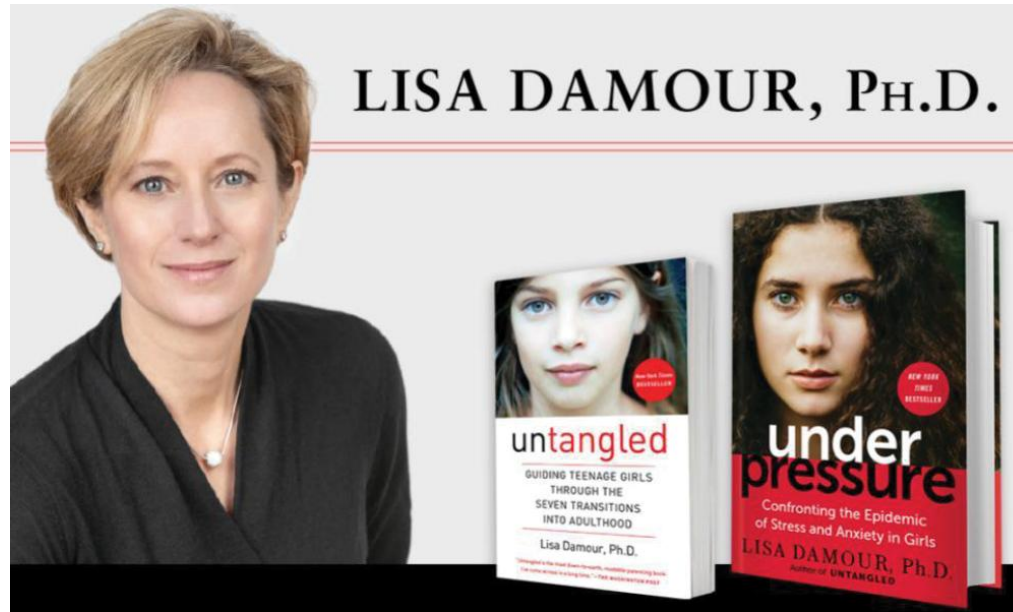
COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

RRCSD's COVID-19 online dashboard - Confirmed COVID-19 cases and quarantine data.

- Face masks required for all students and staff.
- Daily cleaning of classrooms, common areas, restrooms, hallways, buses.
- COVID-19 online dashboard.
- Weekly building and transportation deep disinfection (electrostatic treatment).
- Air purification and disinfection in all buildings.
- Hand sanitizer stations in hallways, common areas, and classrooms.
- Portable sinks in each building for hand washing.
- Sneeze guards in main office areas.
- Sneeze guards and hand sanitizer on buses.
- Social distancing reminder signage in all buildings.
- Socially distanced desks in classrooms.
- Hand washing reminder signage in all bathrooms.
- Health self-assessment reminder signage in all buildings.
- Hands free light switches in buildings.
- Socially distanced restrooms.
- Touchless flushers in most bathrooms.
- Touchless bottle filling drinking fountains in buildings.
- Regular disinfection of turf at RRHS stadium.
- Full-time nurses at GPS, KIS, RRMS, RRHS.
- No field trips or large group assemblies.
- No visitors or volunteers in buildings.



VIRTUAL TOWN HALL SERIES



February 4

The Roots of Resilience: Cultivating Strength in Disruption

March 25

Under Pressure: Stress and Anxiety in Girls

- Free and open to the public.
- Will provide information and resources that will help in navigating this time of stress and anxiety.
- Advance registration is required.
- Visit RRCS.org to register.
- Link will be shared on the morning of the Town Hall.

Recognized as a thought-leader by the American Psychological Association, Dr. Damour has written numerous academic papers, chapters and books related to education and child development. She is the author of two New York Times best-selling books, a regular contributor to CBS News and contributes a monthly column to the New York Times.



RRCSD REOPENING PLANS

- The Rocky River City School District opened on January 11, 2021 in the hybrid (Yellow) instructional model.
- The district will continue in the hybrid (Yellow) instructional model through the end of the 1st semester on January 22, 2021.
- The Rocky River City School District will open on January 26, 2021 in the fully open (Green) instructional model.
- Option B (fully remote instructional model) will continue to available.



NEW QUARANTINE GUIDELINES

K-12 quarantine guidelines, updated December 30, 2020:

- If a student or teacher is exposed in the classroom setting to someone with COVID-19, quarantine is not recommended for the exposed individual as long as masking and other appropriate protocols were followed.
- Quarantine continues to be advised for anyone who is exposed in the classroom if protocols have not been followed (e.g., students or adults in the classroom did not properly wear masks).
- Quarantine continues to be advised for anyone exposed during extracurricular activities, including sports, regardless of masking or other protocols. Revised guidelines above only apply in classroom settings.

Source - Ohio Department of Health, COVID-19 Fact Sheet K-12 School Quarantine Guidelines



DEIJ INITIATIVES



DEIJ INITIATIVES

- RRCSD is committed to working with all students and staff towards a deeper understanding of diverse views and perspectives.
- RRCSD has a long-standing partnership with the Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio, leading to educational opportunities in areas of diversity, equity, inclusion and justice (DEIJ) for secondary students and staff.
- Partnership has been enhanced in 2020-2021 to include primary students and the addition of a DEIJ leader, Kei Graves.
- District is working to develop and implement a DEI statement.
- Staff professional development sessions and student sessions will continue.
 - *Past sessions have included Diversity 101, Anti-Bullying, Race and Ethnicity, Unconscious Bias and Micro Messages, Building Relationships and Creating Inclusive Environments, Student Leadership, #RethinkLabels*



DISTRICT SAFETY



DISTRICT SAFETY

- Safety is our #1 priority.
- RRCSD is committed to a proactive stance, ensuring the utilization of best practices in the areas of physical security and student mental health and well-being.



DISTRICT SAFETY INITIATIVES

- 3 School Resource Officers (SRO)
- COPS in Schools
- Safe School Helpline
- District Mental Health Resources webpage
- Raptor Visitor Management System
- MARCS Radios
- Gaggle - student safety
- NaviGate Prepared
- Instant Connect Notification System
- One access point into buildings for all visitors
- School Bus Safety & Security
- Zonar Z-Pass for all busses
- A.L.I.C.E Training conducted by RRPD
- School Safety Drills
- Full-time nurse added to each building for 2020-2021 school year
- Safe Routes to School
- Town Hall Meetings
- Coffee Chats
- RR City and School Safety Collaboration



PROJECTED 2021 LEVY



PROJECTED 2021 LEVY

- Board of Education may consider a 4.9 mill levy in 2021.
 - *2022 collection if approved.*
- Recommend combination millage - operating funds and permanent improvement funds.
- Refinancing will yield a reduction of approximately 1 mill in 2021.



DISTRICT FINANCE



PARTNERSHIPS

- **Boosters**

Jeff Brant, Co-President
Lori Brant, Co-President

- **Campus Foundation**

David Furry
Todd Milenius
Gregg Mylett
Rick Pichola
Victor Rauser

- **Rocky River Education Foundation**

Bill Blough, President

- **Rocky River PTA Council**

Mandy Smith, President

- **City of Rocky River**

Mayor Pam Bobst
RRPD Chief George Lichman
Group Purchasing
Shared Facilities
School Resource Officers



FINANCE

- The Rocky River City School District remains committed to the highest standards of fiscal accountability, responsibility and transparency. As such, we allocate resources only after a thorough study, discussion and reflection. We then monitor those resources with great care.
- RRCSD received the Auditor of State Award with Distinction in 2020.

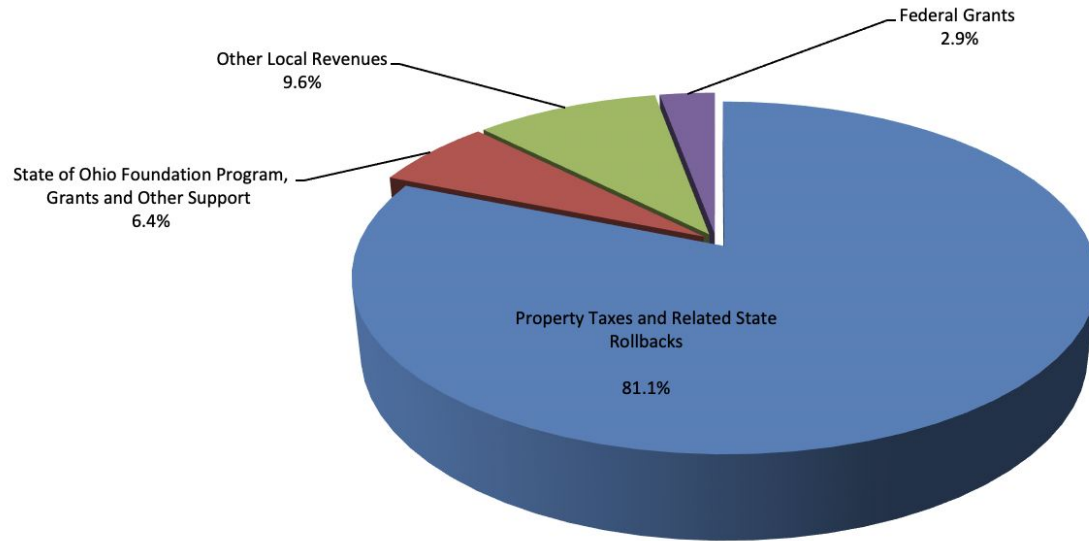
District five-year forecast available at:

www.RRCS.org/OfficeoftheTreasurerCFO



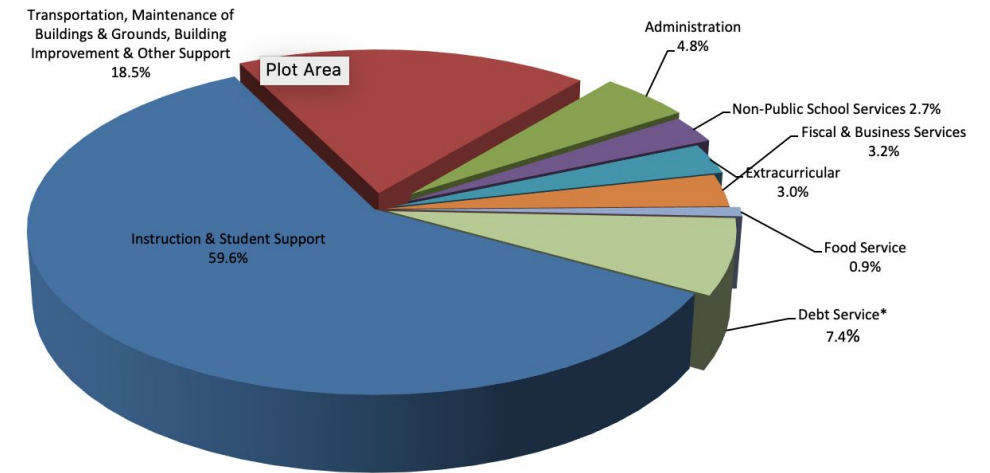
REVENUES - 2020

Revenues - All Sources - Fiscal Year 2020



EXPENDITURES - 2020

Expenditures - All Funds - Fiscal Year 2020



COMMUNITY TAX BILL COMPARISON

- *Out of the 31 districts in Cuyahoga County*

Rank	School District SORTED BY RES/AGR EFFECTIVE RATE	School District - Res/Agr Effective Rate	Res/Ag School Tax Bill per \$100,000 Market Value*
9	Fairview Park	59.68	2,088.80
11	Chagrin Falls	57.88	2,025.80
12	Olmsted Falls	56.35	1,972.25
13	Lakewood	54.99	1,924.65
16	North Olmsted	53.63	1,877.05
17	Solon	52.00	1,820.00

Rank	School District SORTED BY RES/AGR EFFECTIVE RATE	School District - Res/Agr Effective Rate	Res/Ag School Tax Bill per \$100,000 Market Value*
20	Bay Village	50.39	1,763.65
22	Orange	44.48	1,556.80
24	Beachwood	42.81	1,498.35
26	Rocky River	41.92	1,467.20
29	Westlake	33.64	1,177.40
30	Independence	33.08	1,157.80



TOTAL EXPENDITURE PER PUPIL BY DISTRICT

- *Out of the 31 districts in Cuyahoga County*

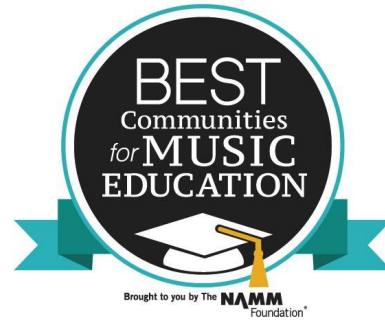
Rank	School District	Spending Per Pupil
1	Orange City	\$20,413
2	Beachwood City	\$16,536
6	Independence Local	\$15,106
8	Chagrin Falls Exempted Village	\$14,431
12	Solon City	\$13,086
13	Rocky River City Schools	\$13,063

Rank	School District	Spending Per Pupil
14	Bay Village City	\$12,573
16	Lakewood City	\$12,358
17	North Olmsted City	\$12,332
19	Westlake City	\$12,091
26	Olmsted Falls City	\$10,749
27	Fairview Park City	\$10,700

2019-2020 School Year | Source: Ohio Department of Education



ROCKY RIVER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT



RRCSD RECOGNITION

- RRHS 2020 National Blue Ribbon School Award.
 - *One of 16 schools in Ohio to receive the 2020 award*
 - *Only high school in Ohio to earn the award this year*
- RRHS Best High Schools in the Nation - *US News & World Report*.
- Beach Preschool Five-Star Step-Up to Quality Award.
- Kindness Certified School District.
- Best Communities for Music Education Award.
- RRCSD was one of 100 Ohio employers recognized by The Healthy Business Council of Ohio for promoting healthy worksite practices.
- *Cleveland Magazine* Top-10.
- GPS teacher Jessica Dessofoy received Cox Communications “Heroes of Distance Learning” Award.
- +90 activities & athletics opportunities for students throughout RRCSD.



Thank you for your continued support of the Rocky River City School District

Rocky River City School District
1101 Morewood Parkway
Rocky River, Ohio 44116

Phone: 440-356-6000

Michael G. Shoaf
Superintendent
shoaf.michael@rrcs.org
@RrSupt

www.RRCS.org
@RrCitySchools
#RrSchools



RESOURCES

- District Website: <https://www.rrcs.org>
- Strategic Plan: <https://www.rrcs.org/StrategicPlanning.aspx>
- Quality Profile: <https://www.rrcs.org/AbouttheDistrict.aspx>
- COVID-19 Online Dashboard: <https://www.rrcs.org/COVID-19Reporting.aspx>
- Mental Health Resources: <https://www.rrcs.org/MentalHealth1.aspx>
- Treasurer's Office: <https://www.rrcs.org/OfficeoftheTreasurerCFO.aspx>
- District Newsletters: <https://www.rrcs.org/RSchoolsNewsletter.aspx>
- RRCSD on Social Media
 - Twitter: <https://twitter.com/RrCitySchools>
 - Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/rrcityschools>

