



## Report to our Community 2015



*Educate Every Student to Succeed*



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# EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS IN RACINE UNIFIED SCHOOLS



**Loli Haws, Ph.D.**  
Superintendent of Schools

Dear Racine Community,

I am so pleased to present the 2015 Racine Unified School District's Report to our Community. We launched our three-year Raising Racine plan two years ago with three goals: raise student achievement, close achievement gaps and ensure positive learning environments. This strategy has created tremendous momentum and accelerated progress to set the stage for us to Exceed Expectations this year!

Our excellent educators, support staff and community have made this possible for our students. The success of our referendum in 2014 is providing funds for three new schools, more technology and other improvements to our schools. Our teachers and administrators are working together to review and develop new curriculum, improve teaching strategies and inspire students to achieve at even higher levels. The results of these initiatives are evident in every corner of our District: RUSD is transforming into a rapidly improving public school system.

I'm thrilled to share our growing progress with you! This past school year, graduation rates increased by more than five percent. Our black students' graduation rate rose to 67 percent – exceeding the state average. We have focused on ensuring that freshmen complete six or more credits in their freshmen year because we know that makes them four times more likely to graduate on time. As a result, the number of freshmen on track increased by 11 percent last year

alone! This fall, we have seen evidence of progress in reading and mathematics – we are making gains and nearing or exceeding the national average at all grades levels!

RUSD is collaborating with teachers, businesses, post-secondary institutions and our community to create the plan for the Academies of Racine, which will launch in our high schools in fall 2016. Read more on page 8. Our staff has also worked together to develop our new North Star Vision and RUSD Core Values.

It is an exciting time in RUSD. In year three of Raising Racine, our educators, students, families, business leaders and community partners are working together, committed to our students' success. I encourage you to get engaged, share your voice, be part of the transformation! We will exceed expectations. **We. Are. Unified!**

Sincerely,

Dr. Loli Haws, Superintendent  
Follow me on Twitter @RUSDsupt



## INTRODUCING OUR NEW NORTH STAR VISION AND CORE VALUES

In RUSD, we are focused on our North Star Vision that all students will graduate career and/or college ready. This vision aligns with our mission of **"Educating Every Student to Succeed."**

Our North Star Vision focuses on the whole child. It aligns with the Board of Education's Results Policies that establish expectations for all graduates to successfully demonstrate:

- Academic achievement
- Global citizenship
- Workplace skills
- Life skills

Key benchmarks related to academics, social/emotional and career/life skills at grade levels along the way are used to monitor student progress. In RUSD, our Vision, along with our Core Values, drives our work to ensure every student exceeds expectations!

In the Racine Unified School District, our Core Values are our highest priorities and our fundamental driving forces. They demonstrate our expectations and represent who we are, what we believe and what we do. Every day. For every student. For ourselves. And for our community.



<p><b>Student-Centered Decisions</b></p> <p>We are best when students are first. All decisions are centered on the needs of the whole child.</p>	<p><b>High Expectations</b></p> <p>We hold high expectations for our students and ourselves.</p>	<p><b>Diversity</b></p> <p>We believe our diversity is our strength and an asset.</p>	<p><b>Unity</b></p> <p>We thrive when we support one another and work collaboratively.</p>
<p><b>Equity</b></p> <p>Every student deserves a high-quality education with resources aligned to their needs.</p>	<p><b>Strong Relationships</b></p> <p>Success requires strong, respectful partnerships with our colleagues, families and community.</p>	<p><b>Respect</b></p> <p>Everyone deserves a respectful, safe and positive school environment.</p>	



# ALL STUDENTS WILL GRADUATE COLLEGE AND / OR CAREER READY

GRADE	ACADEMIC	SOCIAL / EMOTIONAL	CAREER / LIFE SKILLS
12	Accomplishes one or more Indicators of college/career readiness		Demonstrates workplace soft skills
11		Identifies and demonstrates resiliency in life events	Documents learning and career goals in an electronic academic career plan
10		Effectively express own viewpoints and interprets diverse perspectives	
9	Earns 6 credits including 1 in Algebra (or higher) and 1 in science		Maintains school/class attendance rate of 97%
8	Scores proficient or advanced on District writing assessment	Respects and supports diversity	Documents learning and career goals in an electronic academic career plan
7	Demonstrates algebra readiness	Demonstrates empathy	Contributes to community through class-based or individual project
6		Identifies and demonstrates resiliency in life events	Maintains school/class attendance rate of 97%
5	Attains proficient or advanced level on state reading and math tests		Contributes to the community through a school-based project
4		Resolves conflicts appropriately	Documents learning and goals in an electronic academic career plan
3	Attains proficient or advanced level on state reading and math tests		
2			
1	Scores at or above benchmark on reading measures	Understands and demonstrates appropriate interpersonal and social behavior	
K			Attends school 97% of the time or more
4K		Regulates own emotions	

EDUCATE EVERY STUDENT TO SUCCEED

# RAISING RACINE

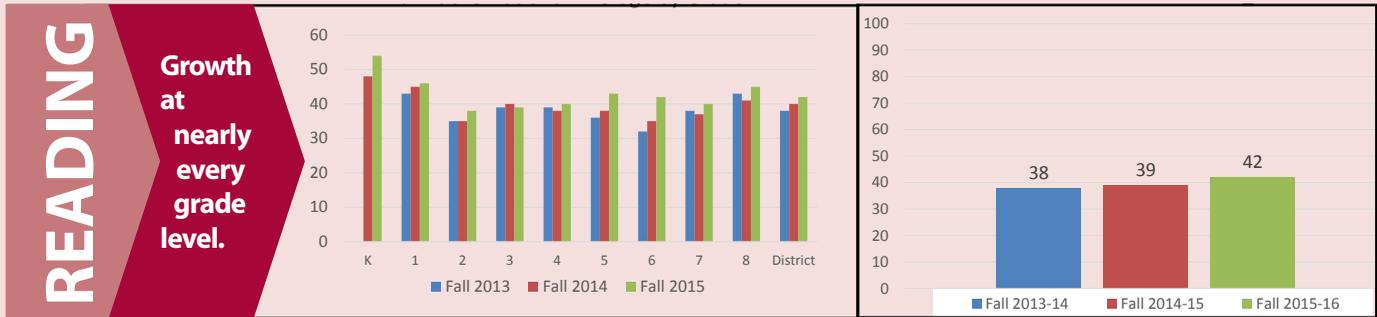
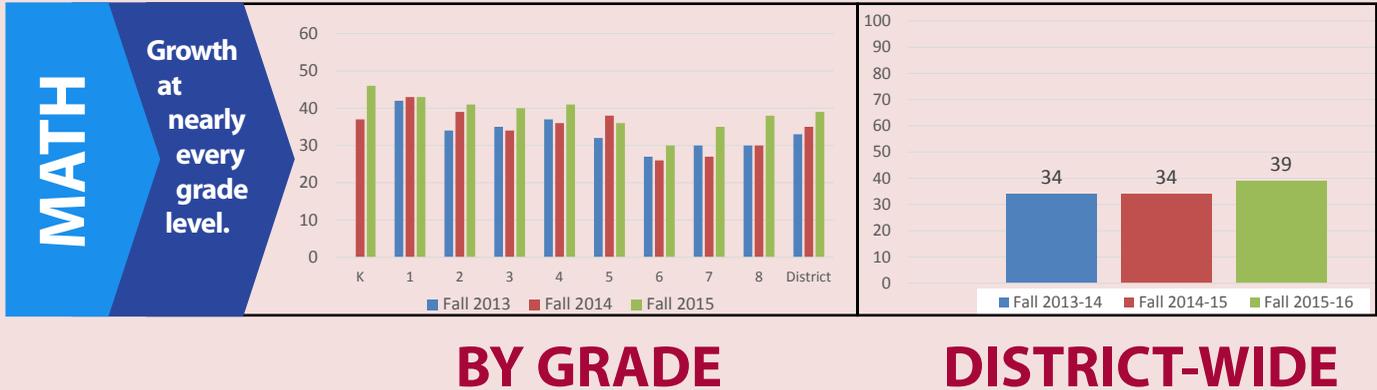
Exceeding Expectations!

Introduced in 2013-2014, Raising Racine is the District's strategic three-year plan with three priorities:

- Close achievement gaps
- Raise student achievement
- Create positive learning environments

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

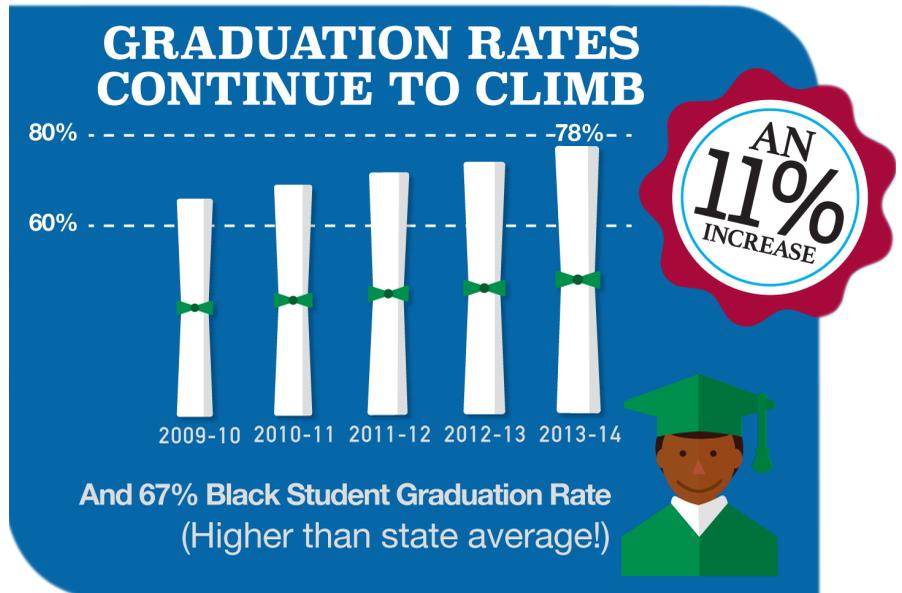
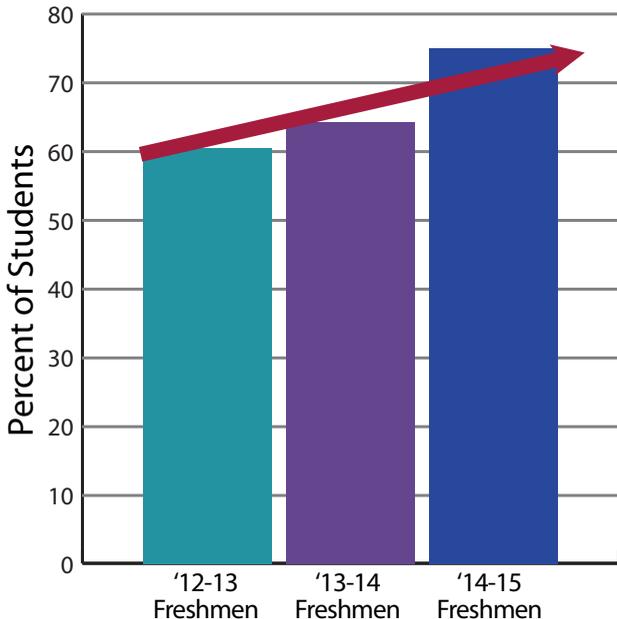
Percent of students at national average.



## Increasing Graduation Rates

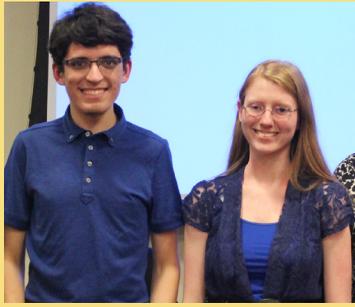
### More Freshmen on Track to Graduate

9th grade students with 6 or more credits at the end of the year are 4 times more likely to graduate.



# TWO RUSD STUDENTS NAMED NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP SEMIFINALISTS

# SHOWING OUR #UNIFIEDPRIDE



Two Racine Unified High School Students, Benjamin Schultz from Walden III High School and Alyssa Ertl from Park High School, were named semifinalists in the 61st annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

These high school seniors scored among the nation's best on the Preliminary SAT (PSAT) taken during their junior year. They now have an opportunity to continue in the competition for roughly 7,400 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$32 million that will be offered next spring.

Both semifinalists had to have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, write an essay and earn SAT scores that place them in the top 1 percent of U.S. high school seniors.

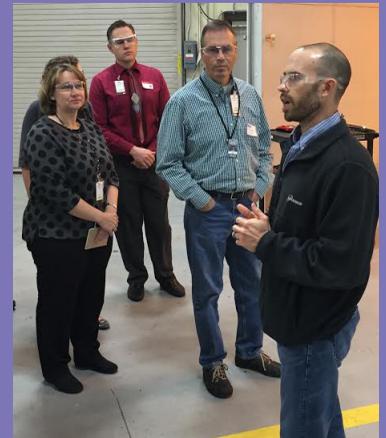
Three types of National Merit Scholarships will be offered in the spring of 2016.

# LOCAL BUSINESSES HOST 440 RUSD EDUCATORS

On Oct. 30, more than 400 Racine Unified high school teachers, counselors and administrators traveled to local businesses in an effort to connect educators with employers as they learned about daily operations and even a few tricks of the trade.

Twenty-one local businesses opened their doors to RUSD staff, including Modine Manufacturing, where educators had the opportunity to take a tour of Modine's facility and learn about everything from wind tunnels to automobile testing facilities.

These coordinated learning experiences were one of the first steps in implementing the Academies of Racine. The Academies of Racine will allow students to choose a pathway such as Automotive, Business, Engineering or Health Careers, among others and learn in a relevant, hands-on environment with real-world applications.



# GILMORE MUSIC PROGRAM HITS THE HIGH NOTES

In March, the Gilmore Middle School music program earned top honors at the WorldStrides Heritage Festival in Washington D.C.

- The Jazz Band earned a Silver award and two Maestro Soloist awards for Nick Chiler and James Beardsley.
- The Chamber Orchestra also earned a Silver award.
- The Madrigal Choir earned a Gold award and an invite to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City.
- The Swing Choir earned a Gold award, the Most Outstanding Choir award and the Adjudicator award.
- The Madrigal and Swing Choirs both took home the Choral Sweepstakes award.
- The entire Gilmore Middle School music program earned the Sweepstakes award.



# COMPASS LEARNING ODYSSEY Provides personalized learning for RUSD students

Compass Learning Odyssey is an online resource used by kindergarten through grade 8 students to supplement Reading/English Language Arts and Math instruction. Compass Learning Odyssey provides a personalized learning path for each student based on their individual results from the fall, winter, and spring NWEA-MAP assessment. This personalized learning path presents a student with instruction to fill individual learning gaps. Once these gaps are closed, a student is able to proceed faster in their learning.

Teachers guide students to create an ability-based goal in each content area that encourages them to complete several activities each week with a proficiency score of 70 percent or higher. By meeting this weekly goal, our students are projected to make 1.5 year's growth in one year's time. This is an important instructional tool in our plan to raise student achievement and provide equitable access to high-quality instruction. We are excited to have Compass Learning Odyssey as a strong instructional resource for Racine's students!



**Knapp Elementary School**

**Gifford Elementary School**

## 2014 REFERENDUM. EVERY SCHOOL. EVERY STUDENT.

On Nov. 4, 2014, the Racine community showed its support and belief in our Racine Unified Schools with a vote of support for a 15-year, \$128 million referendum. Much work is now underway to use these funds to the best advantage of our students, our schools and our community. This August marked history in Racine Unified School District as we broke ground on three new schools!

Next fall, the doors on the brand new Olympia Brown Elementary School, Knapp Elementary School and Gifford Middle School will open to hundreds of eager students and staff, marking the first new schools built in RUSD in more than 40 years.

Last year, two advisory committees were created; Facilities and Technology. Each committee is made up of District staff and community members.

### Technology Advisory Council

The Technology Advisory Council has been working diligently to develop an 18-month technology plan. The group includes three subcommittees; Technology Infrastructure, Instructional Technologies and Career Technical Education (CTE) and Career Pathways.



The Technology Infrastructure subcommittee is primarily focused on establishing technology standards in new or remodeled schools. The Instructional Technologies subcommittee is focused on designing 21st century classrooms that can be replicated at each school, while the CTE and Career Pathways subcommittee is working hard to identify technology needs for each career pathway as part of the Academies of Racine launching fall 2016.

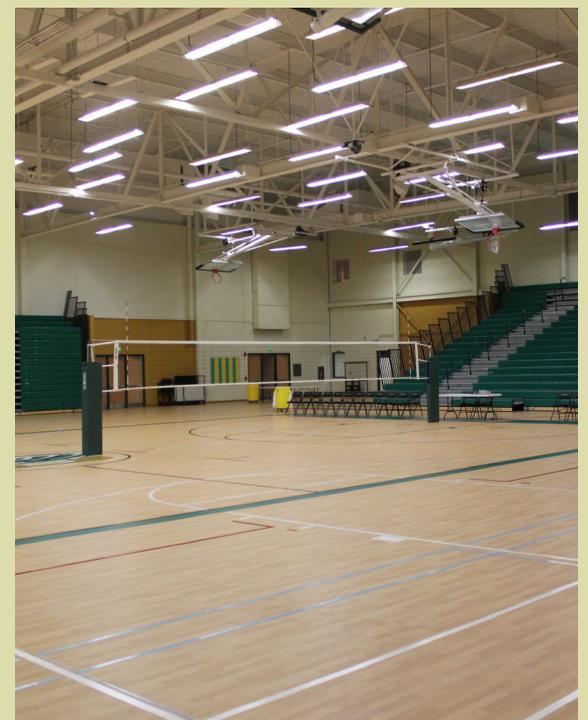
In January, the Board of Education approved the purchase of 5,250 Chromebooks, making the student to Chromebook ratio 4:1 at all RUSD schools. It was the first major referendum purchase. The Chromebooks compliment existing technology and computers at RUSD schools.



### Facilities Advisory Council

The Facilities Advisory Council includes four sub-committees. One of the sub-committees is focused on maintenance projects across the District.

Throughout the summer months, four RUSD schools underwent major improvement projects including a new roof and fieldhouse at Case High School, hardscapes at Wadewitz and Giese Elementary Schools and ADA compliance upgrades at several schools.



The new Case High School fieldhouse debuted to students and the community during a boys volleyball game in October!



**SET  
TO OPEN  
IN FALL  
2016!**

**entary School**

**Olympia Brown Elementary School**

**WE'RE BUILDING THREE NEW SCHOOLS!**

**WE BROKE  
GROUND  
TOGETHER!**



**Olympia Brown Elementary School  
Groundbreaking Ceremony  
August 17, 2015**



**Knapp Elementary School**

The new Knapp Elementary School will be the first community school in Racine Unified. Partnering with the United Way of Racine County, Knapp will offer an integrated focus on academics, health and social services, youth and community development and community engagement in an effort to improve student learning and build stronger families.



**Gifford Elementary School  
Groundbreaking Ceremony  
August 19, 2015**



**Olympia Brown Elementary School**

The new Olympia Brown Elementary School will be a science-focused school where students will get hands-on learning experiences to better prepare them for careers of the future.



**Knapp Elementary School  
Groundbreaking Ceremony  
August 20, 2015**



**Gifford School**

Gifford Elementary School will become a 4K-8 campus with the addition of 77,620 square feet of learning space.

# INTRODUCING...

## THE ACADEMIES OF RACINE

*Transforming high school education in RUSD.*



**THE ACADEMIES  
OF RACINE**



### What are the Academies of Racine?

Launching in fall 2016, the Academies of Racine will provide students the advanced skills they need to be successful, productive citizens in college, career and life. Each RUSD high school will be transformed into career academies.

The Academies of Racine are designed to ensure students are prepared for college and the workforce. In creating engaging, hands-on learning opportunities, developing small learning communities and connecting with local businesses, post-secondary institutions and organizations, Academies help students graduate with a plan for a successful future.

Our Academies allow students to choose a thematic course of study, such as engineering, health care or International Baccalaureate, and learn in a relevant, hands-on environment with real-world application. Our students learn math, science, English and social studies in the context of their Academy theme.



***"A vision has been established as we prepare our next generation of learners to be engaged and able to apply learning in the real world, having them equipped with critical 21st century skills." - Dan Thielen, Chief of Secondary Transformation.***

### How does it work?

Exploration begins in middle school. Students will chart their unique "pathway" during eighth and ninth grades, exploring career choices. A pathway is a sequence of courses within a chosen Academy designed to help students prepare for a specific career area while meeting the mandatory requirements for high school graduation.

Pathways provide students with a plan to connect coursework in high school with college and career opportunities after graduation. After choosing a pathway, students will then select one Academy to pursue during their high school career. Each high school will have the same Academies but could differ in the Pathways. Students will have opportunities to earn college credits, experience apprenticeships and earn certifications in a particular field of study.

### What do Academies Offer?

- Academies offer smaller, personalized learning environments
- Academies partner with businesses to solve real-world problems for authentic learning.
- Academies focus on 21st century skills students need to succeed in college and life.
- Academies provide a culture of teamwork, critical thinking, collaboration and creativity.
- Academies provide rigorous interdisciplinary curriculum.
- Academies prepare students for college and career.



**Be part of the transformation, fall 2016!**

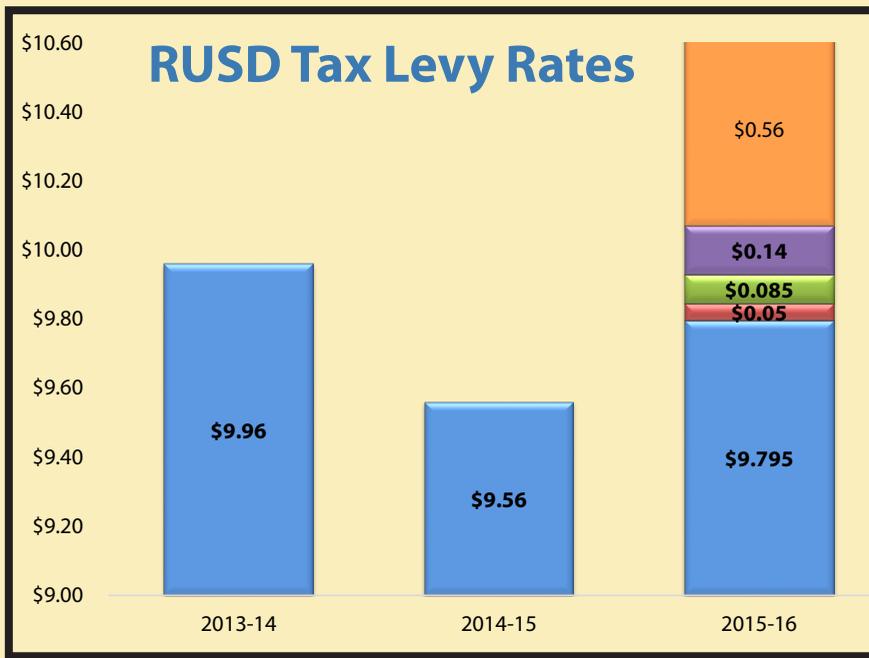
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# VOUCHERS, CHANGES IN STATE FUNDING LEAD TO RUSD TAX LEVY INCREASE

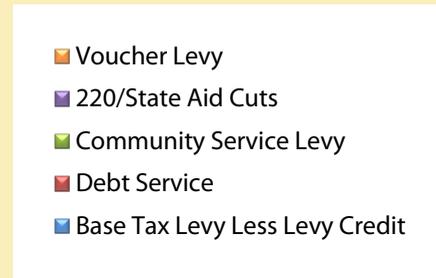
Changes in state law and other factors are resulting in higher RUSD property taxes for 2016. The most significant is a state requirement to fund private school vouchers in Racine through a direct property tax levy. Other impacts include a state phase out of funds that are used to lower property taxes and a less-than-expected increase in local property values.

The 2016 RUSD tax rate is expected to be \$10.41 after a 22-cent reduction from the state School Levy Credit. As seen in the graph below, the private school voucher levy of \$.56 makes up most of the additional taxes.

State law allows an unlimited number of Racine area students in families with incomes below 300 percent of the poverty level to receive taxpayer funded vouchers to attend private schools. For 2016, RUSD taxpayers will be responsible for more than \$4 million in new property taxes to pay for vouchers. The levy is expected to grow in future years as state law requires local taxpayers to cover more costs of private school vouchers.



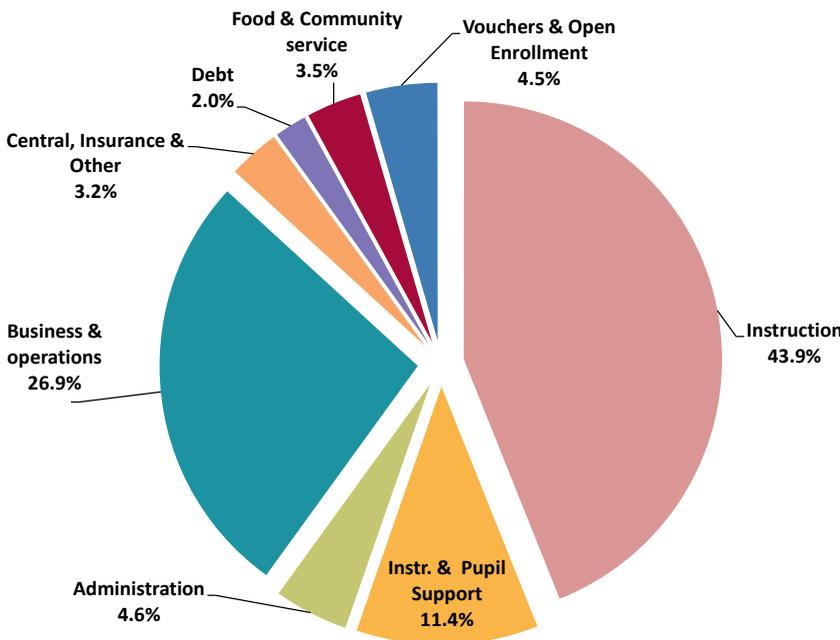
Actual cost to taxpayer after School Levy credit (22¢) equals **\$10.41**.



## How Revenue is Spent

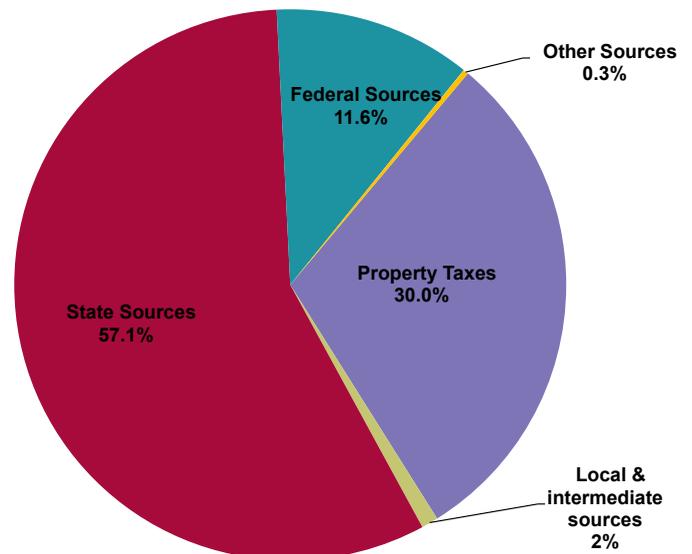
In RUSD, we carefully target our dollars to have the greatest impact on the classroom and student learning. When compared to the state average, **a higher proportion of RUSD expenditures have been for educational purposes**. This is the case even though District per pupil spending is below the state average.

## 2015-2016 Expenditures by Function



## Sources of Revenue

RUSD receives its funding from the following sources (figures are budgeted for the current school year):



# PARENT/COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

In spring 2015, RUSD conducted its annual online survey of parents and community members. The survey focused on satisfaction and communication. Results of the survey provide District staff with valuable information to help inform at both the District and school level.

## Quality of Education in RUSD

- 89 percent of parents said that the quality of education services provided by their child's **school** is excellent, above average or average.
- Seventy-eight percent of parents said that the quality of education services provided by the **District** is excellent, above average or average.
- More elementary parents are satisfied with the quality of education their child receives in an RUSD school, with 92 percent rating it average or better. Eighty-eight percent of middle school parents and 84 percent of high school parents rated the education received by their child as average, above average or excellent.

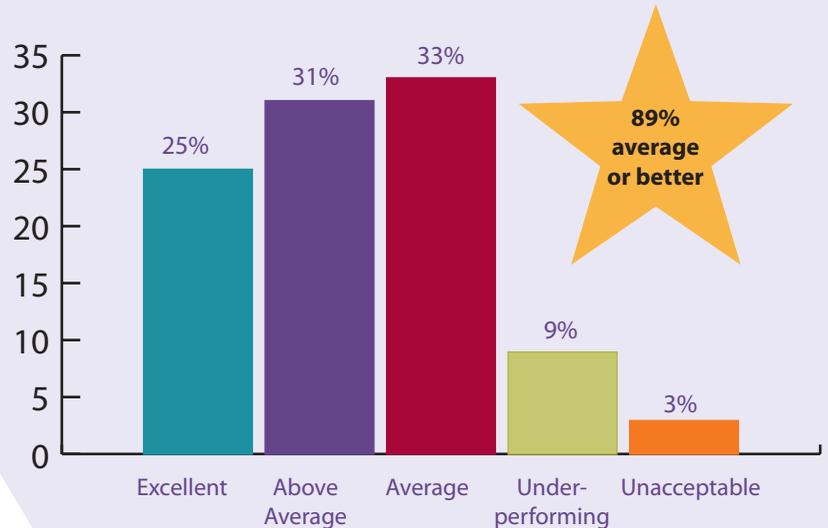
## Preferred Communication Methods

- Parents prefer to receive information about RUSD and their child's school via email (80 percent) or by visiting the District or school website (50 percent).
- Of the parents who responded, 41 percent said they prefer to receive information through the automated telephone message system and 24 percent prefer to receive information via the newspaper.

Sign up to provide your input at [www.rusd.org](http://www.rusd.org).

## Quality of Education

Overall, I would rate the quality of education services my child(ren) receive(s) at his/her school as:



# INFINITE CAMPUS CONNECTS FAMILIES WITH TEACHERS

This fall, Racine Unified School District made the switch to a new student information system (SIS) called Infinite Campus. The District uses Infinite Campus to track all student information including attendance, test scores, grades and demographic data.

Among its many features, Infinite Campus includes a Parent Portal. With the Parent Portal, families can follow along with your child's

academic progress in real time, check grades, attendance, assignments and more. RUSD's Family & Community Engagement office is holding a series of Infinite Campus Parent Portal trainings for RUSD families throughout the school year. During these trainings, parents will learn how to create a Parent Portal account and navigate the site. To view dates, times and locations, please head to [www.rusd.org](http://www.rusd.org). For questions or concerns, please email [family.engagement@rusd.org](mailto:family.engagement@rusd.org).



## STAY CONNECTED WITH US!

- **Website** | [www.rusd.org](http://www.rusd.org)
- **Cable Access Channel 15.20**
- **Board of Education Newsletter** | Monthly e-newsletter distributed after each regular meeting. Sign up to receive e-news on our website.
- **Facebook** | Like Racine Unified Schools.
- **Twitter** | Follow @RacineUnified and @RUSDSupt.
- **School Newsletters** | Ask your child's school how to get a copy.
- **Emergency Notifications** | Register your email address on our website to get updates on school closings and other time-sensitive information.
- **Share Your School's Good News** | Click the link on our website to tell us the great things happening at your school.
- **Thoughtexchange** | Sign-up to take part in these online engagement and dialogue opportunities on our website.

# POINTS OF #UNIFIEDPRIDE

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RUSD schools received statewide recognition as being a PBIS School of Merit or School of Recognition for the 2014-15 school year.



1

Starbuck Library Media Specialist Elizabeth Bast was selected to serve on the national Best Fiction for Young Adults committee.

2

Horlick powerlifters Kenny and Kimberly Johnson competed at the World Powerlifting Championships in Prague this summer.



3

RUSD technical education teachers earned their Snap-On certification this fall.

5

RUSD teachers achieved National Board Certification, one of the highest levels of distinction in teaching, in 2014-15.



4.5 million

Dollars in scholarships earned by the RUSD high school class of 2015.

1

McKinley Middle School student Ellie Lutterman was invited to perform at Carnegie Hall in NYC in June.



2

Case High School Teacher Mike Jensen and student Takayla Marshall were recognized with Barnes and Noble Awards in 2015.

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In 2015, Jim Moes' fifth grade class placed among the top 25 in the nation for First in Math.

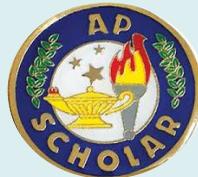


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Educational Assistant Dorothy Robinson was named the 2015 WEAC Educational Support Professional of the Year.

3

Mitchell Middle School students Sarah Bollendorf, Addy Herman and Greg Jenkins earned first place in the National Fluid Power Championships last fall.



50

RUSD students were named AP Scholars in 2015.

1

Park High School student Jason Donald was nominated for the ACT Student Readiness Award.



6

RUSD high school seniors earned the prestigious International Baccalaureate Full Diploma in 2015.

13

RUSD students earned prestigious Scholastic Art and Writing Awards in 2015.



128

In May 2015, 128 RUSD teachers were recognized with an Encore! Award in Education for their success in improving achievement for their students.

# NEW SWIM PROGRAM IS A SPLASHING SUCCESS!

Seven-year-old Peyton Hoard knows what to do if someone is drowning. He also knows about boat safety, beach safety and right now he's learning about backyard pool safety.

"A lot of those things I didn't know. Now I know what to do and feel comfortable in the water," Peyton says while standing on the edge of the pool at Racine's YMCA Sealed Air branch on Thursday.

Peyton is a second-grader at Gifford Elementary School. Every week, for six weeks, Peyton and his class went to the YMCA for swimming lessons. It's all part of a new swim program offered through a partnership with the YMCA and supported by funding from SC Johnson.

By the end of this school year, every RUSD second grader will have completed six 45-minute swim lessons. The program will reach roughly 1,568 students.

"We want to educate as many kids as we can in our community to make them water safe," said Lyn Boehm, Health Enhancement-Aquatics Director. "We live in a lake community, so anything we can do to help our children we want to do."

Sitting on the edge of the pool, second grade teacher Chris Brody really can't say enough positive things about the program.

"This is our third class," Chris explains. "You see that little boy over there? He was absolutely petrified to get in the water. Now look at him, he's floating on his back!"

Every week Chris brings her class to the YMCA. She says she looks forward to it as much as they do.

"I love seeing their improvement, it's wonderful," Chris said. "It's a great opportunity for them, an opportunity some of these kids might not get otherwise."

Lyn Boehm says that's exactly the point.

"Some families in the community can't afford swim lessons or don't have the means to offer them to their children. This is a way to make sure all our kids possess even the most basic swimming skills."



*"You see that little boy over there? He was absolutely petrified to get in the water. Now look at him, he's floating on his back!"*



*"We're excited to partner on this project that can make such a big difference for our community."*

"We're excited to partner on this project that can make such a big difference for our community," said Jeff Collen, Racine Family YMCA CEO.

When students arrive at the Y for their first week of classes they are given a skills test to determine swimming ability. Then, students are split into small groups and work with certified aquatics instructors using the YMCA's latest water safety and swimming curriculum.

In addition to learning basic swimming skills, students also learn safety concepts like reach and throw skills, how to call 911, how and when to use life jackets and safety around public and backyard pools.

"If you fell in, I could throw something to you and you could grab on and then we could pull you to safety," Peyton said showing off just one of his newly acquired water safety tips. "But I know it's not safe to jump in to get you, even though jumping in is my favorite part."

# Family & Community Engagement Office

seeks to improve student success by supporting all families, schools, and communities through purposeful engagement and collaboration.

## YES

- Do you have questions regarding your Infinite Campus Parent Portal?
- Are you interested in becoming a volunteer?
- Are you interested in becoming a Parent Leader?
- Are you interested in participating on school or District committees?

**If you answered YES to any of the above, please contact us.**

## CONTACT US

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(262) 221-5396 (español)

Community-based partners support RUSD students in achieving success in school.

## Tutoring/Mentoring

- **RUSD Extended Learning** (grades K-12)  
3109 Mt. Pleasant St., 262-664-6990
- **John XXIII Educational Center** (middle/high school)  
1101 Douglas Ave., 262-898-7250
- **Cops & Kids Reading Center** (age 3-12)  
800 Villa St., 262-632-1606
- **Mount Pleasant COP House** (K-8)  
2237 Mead St., 262-884-0454
- **Emmaus Lutheran Church**  
1925 Summit Ave., 262-634-5515
- **Mentor RUSD** (grades 4-9)  
3109 Mt. Pleasant St., 262-664-6990
- **Big Brothers Big Sisters** (at-risk students, single-parent families)  
3131 Taylor Ave., Building 4, Box 7  
262-637-7625

## Educational Programs

- **Racine Family YMCA** (age six months to 18)  
725 Lake Ave., 262-634-1994
- **Racine Family Literacy: Girls Inc.** (girls in elementary, middle and high school)  
1510 Villa St., 262-898-3968,  
262-456-1779 (en español)
- **Racine Community Outreach**  
703 Washington Ave., 262-994-2802
- **Peace Learning Circles Inc.**  
430 West Point Ln., 262-939-1285
- **Mrs. Myers' Reading Room**  
6233 Durand Ave., 262-456-2384
- **Dr. John Bryant Community Center**  
601 21st St., 262-636-9235
- **George Bray Neighborhood Center**  
924 Center St., 262-770-4906
- **Tyler Domer Center**  
2301 12th St., 262-636-9414

## Family Programs

- **United Way: Advancing Family Assets**  
1220 Villa St., 262-456-4701
- **Racine Family YMCA** (age six months to 18)  
725 Lake Ave., 262-634-1994
- **Focus on Community: F.A.S.T. - Families and Schools Together** (children and families)  
1220 Mound Ave. #307, 262-632-6200
- **Racine Family Literacy** (low-income, low-literacy families)  
1510 Villa St., 262-898-3968,  
262-456-1779 (en español)

RUSD partners with many other community organizations. For additional resources, please contact Kathy Dunkerson at [kathy.dunkerson@rusd.org](mailto:kathy.dunkerson@rusd.org).

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

# Racine Unified offers choices for every student!

Learn more about these opportunities at [www.rusd.org](http://www.rusd.org).

## Early Learning

- 4-Year-Old Kindergarten
  - Bilingual Education
- Parent-Child Oriented Classroom (P-COC)



## Middle School

- Walden III Middle School
- REAL Charter Middle School
- Career & Technical Education  
Family & Consumer Science, Technology,  
Business Education, Engineering
- International Baccalaureate  
Programme
- Extended Learning Programs
  - Virtual Learning
- Arts, Music, Athletics & Co-Curriculars
  - Bilingual Education

## Elementary School

- Jefferson Lighthouse Elementary  
Magnet School  
Gifted & Talented, International  
Baccalaureate (IB)
- Bull Fine Arts Magnet Elementary  
School  
Arts Education
- Red Apple Magnet Elementary  
School  
Science and Environmental Education
- Janes Year-Round Elementary School
  - Extended Learning Programs
    - Bilingual Education
  - Racine Civil Leaders Academy  
Charter School



## High School

- Career & Technical Education  
Youth Apprenticeships, Family & Consumer  
Science,  
Technology, Business Education,  
Manufacturing
- Walden III High School
- REAL Charter High School
- International Baccalaureate  
Diploma Programme (IB)
- Advanced Placement (AP) Classes
  - Virtual Learning
- Arts, Music, Athletics  
& Co-Curriculars

## Virtual Learning

- More than 3,000 course enrollments to date!
  - Take all or some courses online
- Core courses like Math and English
- Electives such as Mandarin Chinese and Marine Science
  - Taught by certified teachers
    - Best for students who:
      - Need a different learning environment
      - Want more challenging/unique courses
      - Can't attend class on campus



# OUR SCHOOLS

## Early Learning Centers

### Racine Early Education Center

2015 Franklin St. • 262-664-8200

### Red Apple Early Childhood

914 St. Patrick St. • 262-619-4527

## Elementary Schools

### Bull Fine Arts

815 DeKoven Ave. • 262-664-6800

### Dr. Jones

3300 Chicory Road • 262-664-8050

### Fratt

3501 Kinzie Ave. • 262-664-8150

### Giese

5120 Byrd Ave. • 262-664-8250

### Gifford

8332 Northwestern Ave. • 262-619-4550

### Goodland

4800 Graceland Blvd. • 262-664-6850

### Janes Year-Round

1425 N. Wisconsin St. • 262-664-6550

### Jefferson Lighthouse

1722 W. Sixth St. • 262-664-6900

### Jerstad-Agerholm

3535 LaSalle St. • 262-664-6050

### Julian Thomas

930 Martin Luther King Drive • 262-664-8400

### Knapp

2701 17th St. • 262-664-8000

### Mitchell

2713 Drexel Ave. • 262-664-6350

### North Park

4748 Elizabeth St. • 262-664-6450

*(elementary schools continued)*

### Olympia Brown

5915 Erie St. • 262-664-6650

### Racine Civil Leaders Academy

1325 Park Ave. • 262-664-8500

### Red Apple

914 St. Patrick St. • 262-619-4500

### Roosevelt

915 Romaine Ave. • 262-664-8300

### Schulte

8515 Westminster Drive • 262-664-6300

### S.C. Johnson

2420 Kentucky St. • 262-664-6950

### Wadewitz

2700 Yout St. • 262-664-6000

### West Ridge

1347 S. Emmertsen Road • 262-664-6200

## Middle Schools

### Gilmore

2330 Northwestern Ave. • 262-619-4260

### Jerstad-Agerholm

3601 LaSalle St. • 262-664-6075

### McKinley

2340 Mohr Ave. • 262-664-6150

### Mitchell

2701 Drexel Ave. • 262-664-6400

### REAL School

5915 Erie St. • 262-664-8100

### Starbuck

1516 Ohio St. • 262-664-6500

### Walden III

1012 Center St. • 262-664-6250

## High Schools

### Case

7345 Washington Ave. • 262-619-4200

### Horlick

2119 Rapids Drive • 262-619-4300

### Park

1901 12th St. • 262-619-4400

### REAL School

5915 Erie St. • 262-664-8100

### Walden III

1012 Center St. • 262-664-6250

## Virtual Learning

262-664-8734

## Alternative Learning Centers

### Racine Alternative Education

2405 Northwestern Ave. • 262-664-6600

### Turning Point Academy

1101 Douglas Ave. • 262-456-1777

## Enroll Now!

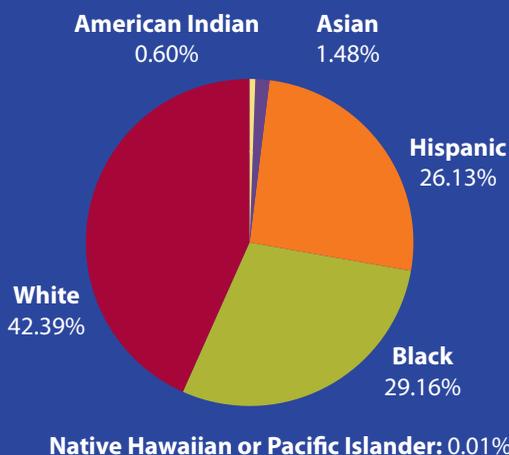
Welcome to RUSD! To enroll your child in an RUSD school, please visit [www.rusd.org/district/enrollment](http://www.rusd.org/district/enrollment) or the RUSD Welcome Center, 3109 Mt. Pleasant St., 262-631-7194.

# BY THE NUMBERS

## Our Students

20,000 Students

43 Languages are spoken by our students



## Our Staff

3,129 total staff members

1,696 teachers/professional staff

394 educational assistants

144 administrators

61% of teachers have advanced degrees

69% of administrators have advanced degrees

## Our District

5th Largest Wisconsin school district

7 Cities/villages served

100 Square miles

9 Board of Education members

1 Vision - The North Star - All students graduate career and/or college ready

## Our Schools

2 Early learning centers

21 Elementary schools

7 Middle schools

5 High schools

1 Virtual Learning

1 Year-round school

3 Magnet elementary schools

1 Charter middle school

1 Charter high school

2 Alternative education centers



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## IT'S TIME TO APPLY!

Apply for RUSD school preference, magnet or lottery schools from Dec. 1 to Jan. 15

### New this year!

Current RUSD families and families new to RUSD can apply for their school choice online at [www.rusd.org](http://www.rusd.org) or visit the RUSD Welcome Center (3109 Mt. Pleasant St.).

Application window starts on **Dec. 1 at 7:30 a.m.** and ends on **Jan. 15 at 4:30 p.m.**

### Magnet & Charter Schools and Walden III

Acceptance based on a lottery system; In addition to completing an application, families must attend school orientation. Applies to:

- Jefferson Lighthouse Elementary School
- Bull Fine Arts Elementary School
- Red Apple Elementary School
- REAL Charter School (grades 6-12)
- Walden III (grades 6-12)

### School Preference (any non-magnet school that is not your boundary school)

Applications considered based on date received and available space at school; Families that have continuation of school preference do not need to re-enroll.

Questions? Contact the Welcome Center at [enrollment.center@rusd.org](mailto:enrollment.center@rusd.org) or (262) 631-7194.

**We can't wait to welcome you to RUSD!**

