

# Superintendent's Bulletin

## "SERIOUS COMMITMENT TO STUDENT SUCCESS"

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December 11, 2015

**TO: ALL STAFF MEMBERS**  
**FROM: PEGGY DININNO**  
**SUBJ: Updates**

### ***SUPERINTENDENT'S BULLETIN***

This Bulletin is published periodically to provide staff with updates regarding our vision, district goals, curriculum, and strategic planning. Employees are encouraged to read and reflect on topics shared in this bulletin.

### ***Monitoring Student Learning***

December is a great month for teachers to assess student progress and compare it to benchmark data taken at the beginning of the year. Recognizing skills students have mastered and where additional remediation is needed assists with creating a plan to assist students with learning and meeting academic goals during the second half of the school year.

### ***Unplanned or Weather Delays and Closings***

When it becomes necessary to close school due to inclement weather or other emergencies, the following television stations and sources will be contacted: KDKA, WPXI, WTAE  
Web: [www.rsd.k12.pa.us](http://www.rsd.k12.pa.us)  
and a district messenger phone call.

The delay of school is primarily intended to accommodate students walking to school and transportation needs. Staff members are asked to use caution in driving over snow and ice covered roads. The safety of our students and staff is important to us. I ask that you consider this upon entering your automobile or heading out on a snowy winter morning. I prefer that you take your time and arrive safely.

### ***Decision Making Gauge***

To assist our team with implementing our new Strategic Plan, please continue to ask yourself the following questions as you make decisions this year: How will the results of the decision I make impact:

1. Academics/Learning
2. A Safe Learning Environment
3. Customized Learning Practices
4. Opportunities for our Kids
5. Marketing our District

### ***LEARNING GOALS***

Thank you for continuing to write a student friendly learning goal and for referring to it at the beginning and end of every lesson. Research supports this practice. It is wonderful to walk into a classroom

where kids can tell you exactly what they are learning and what they hope to accomplish by the end of the period.

### ***RCEPs***

Riverview Customized Education Plans are meant to assist our educational team with providing an individualized and sincere plan for addressing student needs. YOUR effort with regard to the genuine development and implementation of RCEPs truly makes a difference. See your building principal or Dr. Coudriet if you are in need of assistance with creating these important plans.

### ***DISTRICT WEB PAGE***

Our School District website serves as a valuable tool for sharing and communicating important information to staff and families. Please visit the site regularly and review the information.

### ***EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK***

Employees are reminded to check the district website for the 2015-2016 handbook. Pages 12-13 serve as an excellent resource for locating the proper person when guidance or direction is needed.

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### **SCHOOL VISITORS**

Employees are reminded to wear their RSD I.D. badges at all times. Please ask visitors to show you their Visitor Pass after they sign in at the main office in each building. If a visitor is in the building and does not have a pass, or you do not recognize the individual, please direct that person to the office and/or contact school building office staff for immediate assistance.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

We continue to encourage you to share the great things our students and staff do by providing building principals and/or Elissa Miller with summaries of any important events or accomplishments. This information helps us to share good news that is happening at RSD with the community and local media. Thank you in advance for your support of this important task.

### **New Clearances Regulations**

Employees are reminded that new clearance regulations are now in effect for school district volunteers. Please check the District's web page for details. All employees must now maintain updated clearances following a three year cycle. In additions, all volunteers must have clearances and other paper work on file in

the school office where the volunteer work is being performed.

### **Emergency Planning**

Please take some time to review the Crisis Response Handbooks, the Emergency Guide, and other details related to your school building's emergency plan.

### **District Holiday Card Winner!**

Congratulations to this year's Holiday Card winning artist, Siera Presutti (Gr. 11). Her artwork will be used on the school district's card this year to wish our friends and local businesses a blessed holiday season.

### **Education Foundation**

Members of the Education Foundation meet during the evening on the first Tuesday of every month. The group's mission is "Helping innovation happen!" This committed group is in the process of planning for many fundraising events to assist with supporting and ensuring that Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Arts and Math (STREAM) are addressed in the smartest, most up-to-date and creative ways possible. Please take some time to thank this very enthusiastic group of parents and citizens for supporting learning needs.

### **Welcome New RSD School Board Directors**

We would like to welcome new school directors Alex DiClaudio, Jon Nehlsen, and Kelly Jane Walker. They will join newly appointed President Dr. Maureen McClure, Vice President David DiPietro and current directors Lisa Ashbaugh, John Hackworth, Arlene Loeffler, and Dori Tompa. We would also like to thank Heidi Dolan, Ernie Tillman and Lois Vitti for their service to the District.

***Best Wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a safe, happy, and healthy New Year.***

*Peggy DiNinno  
Superintendent*



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