### **District Report**

March 17, 2021



#### 2020-2021 Story

- The Pandemic school year
- Engagement in Strategic Planning process and adoption
- Evaluation and alignment of organizational structure
- District programming and resources
- RCCSD Learning Recovery Plan
- Overall structure and financial impacts on RCCSD for 2021-2022 and five-year forecast (FYF)



#### **Key Terms and Language**

- FTE Full Time Equivalent
  - Teacher or administrative position used in forecasting
- FYF Five Year Forecast
  - Mandated financial forecast submitted to the Ohio Department of Education in May and November each year
- ESSER I/II Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief
  - Federal pandemic relief funds provided to offset financial impacts to school districts
  - Previously known as CARES Act funding
  - RCCSD has received two rounds of funding totaling ~\$1.7 million
- FY Fiscal Year
  - Financial reporting/budget cycle year
  - Example: FY22 begins July 1, 2021 and ends June 30, 2022



#### **Challenges Facing RCCSD - Pandemic School Year**

- Teaching and Learning
  - Remote instruction/learning
  - Synchronous learning
  - Culture and climate
- Operations
  - Shifting guidance/expectations
  - Quarantine protocols and implications
  - Blended model/Full-time model
  - Cleaning protocols
- Financial Status
  - \$1.8 million in reductions
  - Increased expenses for operations
  - ESSER I funding support (CARES Act)
  - ESSER II funding pandemic relief funds (through FY23)



## **OUR MISSION**

Inspiring the leaders of tomorrow with engaging opportunities today – The Blue Devil Way.

#### **Vision Areas:**

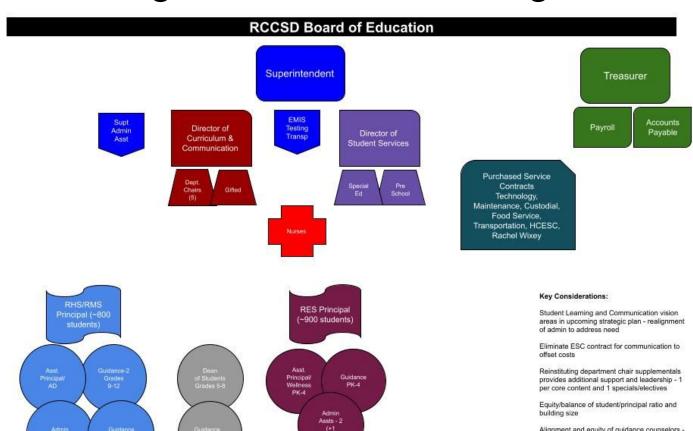
**STUDENT LEARNING:** Providing all students with engaging & innovative curriculum to excel as future members of our global society.

**CULTURE:** Building a caring, diverse and inclusive community where every member feels safe, valued, and supported.

**COMMUNICATION:** Providing effective and transparent communication within all aspects of our Blue Devil community.



**FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY:** Ensuring transparent and responsible use of district resources to provide the highest quality education for our students.





Instructional Staff
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Alignment and equity of guidance counselors grades 8-12 (2), 4-8 (1), K-3 (1)

Reinstate 1 admin asst - needed support for RES and district

Reinstate full-time Dean of Students to support RHS/RMS students/staff (accounted for in FYF)

#### **Programming and Resource Needs**

- Curriculum focus dedicated position to lead curriculum development, course of study processes, resource selection, data analysis, professional development
- Designated curriculum budget for K-12 curriculum
- Teacher leaders to support K-12 curriculum needs
- Increased communication support
- STEM Programming
- Additional social-emotional and mental health supports K-12
- Academic recovery programming and supports
- Technology replacement cycle/1:1 device capability
- Data management and cybersecurity tools



#### **ODE Learning Recovery Plan**

- Governor DeWine requested all school districts to submit a plan for addressing student learning impacts from the pandemic
- Areas of Focus
  - Identifying academic needs
  - Approaches to address academic gap filling
  - Approaches to identify social and emotional needs
  - Approaches to address social and emotional need
- Timelines
  - Spring 2021
  - Summer 2021
  - 2021-2022
  - 2022-2023



#### **Positions and Staffing**

- District Reorganization and Learning Recovery Plan come together to create many staffing positions
- District Five-Year Forecast has accounted for 4.5 positions in 2021-2022 that do not exist this year
  - Returns eliminated position from 2020-2021 reductions
  - Positions are accounted for in the district budget
- State and federal funding available to fund new identified positions

The following slides show the current and proposed positions filled, open, or anticipated for the 2021-2022 school year, including funding mechanism

\*\*Anticipated cost neutral to district budget



**Position: Director of Curriculum and Communication** 

#### **Key Information:**

- Dedicated district curriculum leadership and expanded communication needs
- Student Learning and Communication are two vision areas in strategic plan
- Position created as part of district reorganization plan to PK-6 and 7-12 buildings

**Status:** Dr. Damon Davis approved March 3, 2021

Funding Source: District budget; realignment of district administration and building structure; elimination of ESC Communication contract



**Position: Dean of Students** 

#### **Key Information:**

- 0.5 reduction in summer 2020; return to full time status
- Grades 5-8 support
- Creates secondary Social Studies vacancy

**Status:** Nick Lunsford accepted recall into position

Funding Source: Planned expense in FYF; reinstatement placed into

FY22 budget



**Position: Secondary Social Studies** 

#### **Key Information:**

 Replacement position due to 0.5 reduction in summer 2020 and reinstatement of Dean of Students

**Status:** Position posted internally and expired March 12 without applicants; *anticipate filling secondary SS course sections through master schedule process without recall or hiring new staff member* 

Funding Source: *Planned expense in FYF*; allows for reallocating position to other district need



**Position: Secondary Mathematics** 

**Key Information:** 

Replacement position due to retirement

**Status:** Position posted internally and expired March 12 with one applicant; *internal transfer to fill secondary Math course sections through master schedule process and without hiring new staff member* 

Funding Source: *Planned expense in FY22*; allows for reallocating position to other district need



**Position: Preschool Teacher** 

#### **Key Information:**

- Board approved reinstatement of preschool program
- Tuition-based program offsets the majority of program expense for personnel

**Status:** Kayla Reyes accepted position - internal voluntary transfer

**Funding Source**: *Planned expense in FYF*; reinstatement placed into FY22 budget



**Position: Intervention Specialists** 

#### **Key Information:**

- Vacancies created through resignation, retirement, internal transfer
- No new positions; multiple postings based on internal movements that have created vacancies
- Anticipate three positions to be filled

**Status:** Ben Moorman - transfer to RES; other vacancies still in progress

Funding Source: Planned expenses in FYF; no new positions hired



Position: RES Building Secretary - 219 days

#### **Key Information:**

- New Position
- Alignment of two secretary positions for PK-6 and 7-12 buildings as stated in reorganization plan
- Two 250 day positions; two 219 day positions
- Current secretary positions have been collaboratively determined so that this position is identified for posting

**Status:** Anticipate scheduling Civil Service exam in the coming weeks with along with posting the position

Funding Source: District budget; anticipate minor increase to general fund expenditures as part of reorganization plan

**Position: Special Education Aide** 

**Key Information:** 

Required additional staffing due to student need

**Status:** Position to be posted

Funding Source: District budget; purchased service through Rachel

Wixey



**Position: Preschool Aide** 

**Key Information:** 

Required staffing due to program

Program reinstated for 2021-2022 school year

Status: Position to be posted

Funding Source: District budget and planned for in FYF due to program reinstatement; purchased service through Rachel Wixey



Position: English/Language Arts Academic Enrichment/Intervention 7-12 Key Information:

- New position to support Learning Recovery Plan
- Teaching position with six sections/periods each day to provide support for student learning
- Intervention, skill development, credit recovery, and other services provided

**Status:** Position to be posted March 19



Position: Math Academic Enrichment/Intervention 7-12

#### **Key Information:**

- New position to support Learning Recovery Plan
- Teaching position with six sections/periods each day to provide support for student learning
- Intervention, skill development, credit recovery, and other services provided

**Status:** Position to be posted March 19



Position: Student Wellness and Community Outreach Coordinator Key Information:

- New position to support Learning Recovery Plan; reports to Director of Student Services
- Dedicated district coordinator
  - Student wellness initiatives
  - Support group facilitation
  - Individual student counseling
  - Family outreach and support
  - Community partnerships liaison

**Status:** Job responsibilities and description in progress; anticipate posting by April 1



**Position: Summer School Instructors K-8** 

#### **Key Information:**

- Summer learning opportunities anticipated in a JumpStart model (July/Aug - prepare for upcoming school year)
- Targeted students needing intervention/skill development
- Open to all students

**Status:** Family survey to assess interest scheduled for Friday; positions posted when need is determined



**Position: Summer School Administrator** 

#### **Key Information:**

- Responsible for coordinating registration, scheduling staff, determining resources needed, coordinating with principals/staff for room usage, supervision during sessions, and other administrative duties
- Opportunity to provide leadership experience
- Allows principals to focus on preparation for upcoming school year

**Status:** Family survey to assess interest scheduled for Friday; position posted when need is determined



#### **Other Anticipated Expenditures:**

- Technology replacement cycle
- Curriculum resources
- Cybersecurity
- 5Lab Data Support
- Intervention/support programs, software, resources
- Social-emotional, mental health supports
- Credit recovery opportunities online program and administrative expenditures
- Additional student and/or staff supports to be determined



#### **Key Takeaways**

- RCCSD Reorganization Plan and Learning Recovery Plan are closely tied together - Strategic Plan alignment
- Realignment of buildings, personnel, administrative team, and master scheduling create opportunities for additional programming and supports for staff and students in a cost-neutral way
- ESSER II funding can be used in many productive ways
  - Offset planned/budgeted expenses in FY22-23; positive impact on district FYF
  - Provide additional resources to support student learning,
     academic recovery, and social-emotional/mental health needs
- ESSER III funding anticipated through recently passed \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan
  - Amount, usage restrictions, and impact not fully known at this time
  - Information provided in this presentation <u>does not</u> <u>incorporate additional funding from ESSER III</u>



## RCCSD COVID-19 Reporting

- County and regional metrics from HCPH updated March 16 <a href="https://www.hamiltoncountyhealth.org/">https://www.hamiltoncountyhealth.org/</a>
- Ohio Public Health Advisory System
   <a href="https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/public-health-advisory-system">https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/public-health-advisory-system</a>
- District Dashboard weekly comparison
   https://www.readingschools.org/ourpages/auto/2021/1/20/10703936554224930798/
   RCCSD%20COVID%20UPDATE%201.20.21.pdf



# Community Chat Schedule

#### Superintendent and Treasurer Facilitated Community Meetings

Community Chat #22:	Virtual	Thursday, Mar. 18	3:30 p.m.	
Community Chat #23:	Virtual	Wednesday, April 7	3:00 p.m.	
Community Forum:	Virtual	Tuesday, April 13	5:30 p.m.	Financial Learning Series #2
Community Chat #25:	Koenig Park	Monday, April 19	9:00 a.m.	
Community Chat #26:	Creamy Whip	Wednesday, May 5	1:00 p.m.	
Community Forum:	Virtual	Thursday, May 13	5:30 p.m	TBD
Community Chat #28	Carnevale Park	Tuesday, May 18	7:00 a.m.	
Community Chat #29	Creamy Whip	Monday, May 24	11:30 a.m.	
Community Chat #30	Media Center	Tuesday, June 1	8:00 a.m.	

