



**ROCKFORD AREA SCHOOLS
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 883
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Subject: Community Education and Buildings & Grounds Report

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☒ Information	☐ Briefing	☐ Action	☐ Enclosure Item(s)
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Community Education:

- Summer programs are going great with wonderful attendance.
- Our revised Rocket Power Strength training program under Jack McCoy has 127 Participants!
- New Classes: preschool popstars, toddlers tunes and tots, adult line dancing.
- Currently working on Fall Brochure which will showcase some new classes including "Little Chefs Snack Lab".
- July 1 2025-June 30th 2026 offered 330 course sections with 2782 registrations (1292 unique users)

Preschool- ended the year with 95 preschoolers and already have 71 signed up for the fall.

ECFE- our ECFE classes have grown significantly over the past few years. Our ECFE teachers are designing new classes all the time and each class has had great registration!

Galaxy: School year 25-26: 134 registrations
Summer 26: 154 registrations
School year 26-27 currently sitting at 54 registrations



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Buildings & Grounds Update

Staffing:

Currently hiring at least two evening custodians for the upcoming school year. Despite being down three custodial positions this summer, our team has done an outstanding job completing summer projects with the support of seasonal workers.

We remain on track to have our buildings and grounds ready for a successful start to the school year.

Department Organization:

To better utilize staff strengths and improve efficiency, we have established three coordinator roles within the Buildings & Grounds Department:

Scott Larson – Operations Systems Coordinator

DeWayne Larson – Quality & Compliance Coordinator

Howie Brooks – Resources & Ordering Coordinator

Department Priorities:

Standardize and strengthen processes across all buildings and operations.

Review current vendors and issue Requests for Proposals (RFPs) to ensure fiscal responsibility and best value for the district.

Continue working with K&A on the district's facilities study and long-term planning.

Looking Ahead:

Our goal is to build a department culture that takes pride in its work, values teamwork and accountability, and ensures that every student, staff member, and visitor experiences clean, safe, and well-maintained facilities that reflect the pride we have in our district.