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Dear NRCS Parent/Guardian,

You may have heard the buzz about our new school initiative – SWPBS!

School Wide Positive Behavior Support is a program supported by the New York State of Education and Monroe County Schools to promote and maximize academic achievement and behavioral competence. It is a school-wide strategy for helping all students achieve important social and learning goals. We know that when good behavior and good teaching come together, our students will excel in their learning. The schools in RCSD are proud to be a part of this exciting initiative.

As part of the SWPBS program, we will establish several clear rules for the behavior we expect in all areas of our school. We will explicitly teach those expectations to the students and reward them frequently with positive notes and prizes for their great behavior. The expectations for all student behavior will be clear throughout our building and playground areas, cafeteria, gymnasium, and classrooms. At NRCS we will focus on being **S**afe, **O**utstanding, **A**ccountable and **R**espectful. SOAR. You will be able to ask your student, "What are the NRCS core values?" "How do you follow those expectations?" "What happens when a teacher sees you following the expectations?"

Our school rules will specifically address bullying behaviors, provide for a safer school environment and give more time for instruction. We will apply consistent positive reinforcement for all students. By detailing every expected behavior and teaching to kids in a positive way, we will provide a common language for everyone in our building, including students, teachers, front office staff and our paraprofessionals.

We believe that by helping students practice good behavior, we will build a school community where all students have an environment where they can succeed and grow.

We would like your input and your involvement. Please contact us at school if you have any questions or need further information. Thank you for your support!

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