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Dear Rochester City School District Families,

Last November, I submitted a proposal for school reconfigurations and closures to commence next school year. After much discussion with stakeholders and the desire for a robust community conversation, I have decided to suspend the proposals to reconfigure or close the following schools:

- Virgil I. Grissom School No. 7
- Dr. Charles T. Lunsford School No. 19
- Nathaniel Hawthorne School No. 25
- Adlai E. Stevenson School No. 29
- Andrew J. Townson School No. 39
- Montessori Academy School No. 53
- Flower City School No. 54
- RISE Community School No. 106
- Dr. Alice Holloway Young School of Excellence
- Northwest Junior High at Douglass
- Rochester International Academy

Unfortunately, we remain in a situation where the need to reconfigure and close schools is a reality. Our enrollment continues to decline, we have undersubscribed and low-performing schools, and recommendations in our NYS [academic](#) and [fiscal](#) plans call for a reduction of the District's footprint.

Community engagement on school closures and grade-level configurations will continue this spring when we initiate the planning of Phase III of the Facilities Modernization Program. We will share data and information, have difficult conversations, and make tough decisions. Final determinations will be presented to the Board of Education for a vote in October 2022.

My goal is to provide a high-quality education with robust programming and all the necessary supports that every scholar deserves. I look forward to a healthy discussion on the future of our District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lesli C. Myers-Small".

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