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## **More than 500 RCSD Students Learn Science Lessons Aboard New Tour Boat on the Genesee River**

**Who:**

Students and staff from Anna Murray-Douglass Academy School No. 12  
Representatives from Corn Hill Waterfront and Navigation Foundation

**What:**

Science Lessons Aboard the Riverie

**When:**

Tuesday, June 6, 2023, 1:30 p.m.

**Where:**

Corn Hill Landing  
280 Exchange Blvd.  
Rochester, NY 14608

**Details:**

Starting June 5, more than 500 students from 10 RCSD schools will be boarding the Riverie, Corn Hill Navigation's newest tour boat on the Genesee River, to learn about science.

When these 5th-grade students board the boat, they will work in collaboration with instructors from the Rochester Institute of Technology, the University of Rochester, and St. John Fisher University to do water quality/chemistry science measurements. Over the course of a 90-minute boat ride, students will rotate between three workstations studying the biological, chemical, and physical characteristics of water.

"This unique educational experience allows students to discover historical and conservation significance along the storied Genesee River," said Dr. Carmine Peluso, Superintendent of Schools. "Students are gaining a deep understanding of the importance of this vital waterway, and for many, it is their first time on a boat! Students can escape the traditional learning found in textbooks, step outside, and embark on a journey of discovery through hands-on, project-based learning."

"Corn Hill Navigation is providing increased access to and greater understanding of one of our region's most important natural assets - the Genesee River," said Patrick Russell-Walsh, Executive Director of Corn Hill Navigation. "Our hands-on, place-based citizen science program teaches students about pollution issues affecting the Genesee River; actively engages them in collection, analysis, and reporting of river water quality data; and helps them explore everyday activities of stewardship and advocacy that they can undertake throughout their lives to improve the river's health now and for future generations."

Students from George Mather Forbes School No. 4, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. School No. 9, Anna Murray-Douglass Academy School No. 12, The Children's School of Rochester No. 15, Dr. Charles T. Lunsford School No. 19, Francis Parker School No. 23, Pinnacle School No. 35, Mary McLeod Bethune School No. 45, Montessori Academy School No. 53, and RISE Community School No. 106 will participate in these boat tours from June 5 – June 20.