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Who:

80 to 100 RCSD Students

What:

RCSD's Roc Restorative Circle Champions Student Training

When:

Thursday, January 19, 2023, 10 a.m.

Where:

Northridge Community Church
2052 St. Paul Street
Rochester, NY 14621

Details:

Members of the RCSD's Roc Restorative Team will be training students from Dr. Walter Cooper Academy School No. 10, John Walton Spencer School No. 16, Abelard Reynolds School No. 42, The Flower City School No. 54, and RISE Community School No. 106 for its Circle Champions Initiative. This is an opportunity for students in grades 3 – 6 to be leaders in their school buildings and promote student voice in their community. In order to participate in this initiative, 15 to 20 students from each school completed an application to be selected as a "Circle Champion". This is for scholars who want to learn about facilitating team-building circles in their own schools and help resolve conflicts amongst peers using restorative practices. In some instances, these "champions" involve students who have been involved in conflicts themselves, and they now want to act as peer mentors at school to help classmates resolve common issues that arise between one another.

For reference: Channel 13 did a story on this in February of 2022. [Changing Lives – and Changing Culture Through Restorative Justice](#)