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RCSD Home School Assistant to Retire After 23 Years  
*Carl Gause has conducted more than 10,000 home visits to improve attendance across the RCSD*

Who:  
Carl Gause, RCSD Home School Assistant, staff and volunteers from the RCSD’s Attendance Department

What:  
Attendance Blitz

When:  
Wednesday, June 14, 2023, 9 a.m.

Where:  
Roberto Clemente School No. 8

Details:  
On Wednesday, June 14, staff and volunteers will conduct an attendance blitz in the neighborhoods around Roberto Clemente School No. 8. Chronic absenteeism directly impacts students’ ability to succeed in school. While the District addresses this issue year-round, making connections with families before summer break, when students are off from school until September, is especially important.

Mr. Carl Gause is retiring from the District, having completed over 10,000 home visits over the last 23 years. “Carl’s unwavering dedication to improving attendance in the District after all these years has been truly remarkable,” said Dr. Carmine Peluso, Superintendent of Schools. “His tireless commitment, exemplified by over 10,000 home visits, has left an indelible mark on our students’ lives, making a meaningful difference in our pursuit of academic excellence.”

Mr. Gause started his career in the Rochester City School District as a parent liaison at Franklin High School. His job converted into a home school assistant position, and he has worked at several RCSD schools, including; Charlotte High School, East High School, Edison Career, and Technology High School. James Madison High School, James Monroe High School, Joseph C. Wilson Magnet High School Commencement Academy, School of the Arts, School Without Walls, and the District’s Central Office.

“During COVID, when the world paused, Mr. Gause moved mountains by ensuring students and families had what they needed,” said Peluso. “He leaves a lasting legacy of dedication, responsibility, and true love for the school community.”

Since January 1, 2023, the District has done attendance blitzes in the neighborhoods of 26 RCSD schools and has conducted nearly 700 home visits. The District will continue to make those outreach connections on Wednesday in the area of Roberto Clemente School No. 8 to reach students and families who have been chronically absent this school year. The District and community volunteers will provide parents and guardians with information on the importance of school attendance and ask how the District can help improve their child’s attendance.