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Public Forum to Seek Input on Naming Five New Schools: What is in a Name? Honor, Heart, Promise, Memory, History, the Future

Who:

Students, families, staff, and community members

What:

Public Forum to Seek Input on Naming Five New Schools

When:

Tuesday, January 16, 2024, 5 p.m.

Where:

Central Office
131 West Broad Street
Rochester, NY 14614

Details:

The Rochester City School District [is hosting a public forum](#) on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, to seek input from the community on the naming of five new schools for the 2024 – 25 school year. The new school names must be submitted to the State Education Department by March 1, 2024.

In November, Superintendent Dr. Carmine Peluso launched [Invest in Tomorrow](#), the District's vision for the future as it begins implementation of the comprehensive school reconfiguration plan, which includes the creation of four new middle schools and one new high school. Middle schools (7-8) will focus on preparing students academically and emotionally for high school, promoting athletics through physical fitness, sportsmanship, and personal growth, and providing programs and nurturing spaces so every student can thrive. Beginning in the 2024-25 school year, the District will implement a new grade structure for elementary (PreK-6) and high schools (9-12).

Additionally, we will rename schools #34 and #46 to continue our journey to remove the names of those who were slave owners and segregationists in our City, and replace them with leaders who are unifiers, trailblazers, and have made significant impacts transforming our community.

It is the policy of the Board of Education to name city schools after worthy and well-known persons or to symbolize a cherished value or ideal. This public forum allows students and families to have a voice in naming these schools:

- Middle school at 200 Genesee Street
- Middle school at the Dr. Freddie Thomas campus
- Middle school at the Charlotte campus
- Middle school at the Jefferson campus

- High school at the Franklin campus
- Louis A. Cerulli School No. 34
- Charles Carroll School No. 46

In recent years, the Board of Education has voted to rename School No. 16 in honor of Dr. David and Ruth Anderson, School No. 3 in honor of Dr. Alice Holloway Young, and School No. 12 in honor of Anna Murray-Douglas.

The public forum will be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 5 p.m. at 131 West Broad Street before the Board of Education's ESA Committee meeting. To sign up to speak, or provide written feedback, please e-mail publicforum@rcsdk12.org or call 585-262-8378 by noon on January 16. Final recommendations will be provided for a Board of Education vote on February 13.

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