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Grand Opening of Common Grounds Coffee Shop at OACES

Who:

RCSD students, staff, and community leaders

What:

Opening of Common Grounds Coffee Shop at OACES

When:

Thursday, October 30, 2025, 10 a.m.

Where:

OACES
30 Hart Street, 2nd Floor
Rochester, NY 14605

Details:

The Rochester City School District’s Office of Adult and Career Education Services (OACES) invites community members to celebrate the grand opening of Common Grounds Coffee Shop, an innovative, hands-on training ground designed to blend real-world skill-building with community development.

Built and designed by OACES leadership and Building Maintenance and Facilities students, Common Grounds serves as a fully operational extension of the Hospitality and Culinary Arts Training Programs. Students gain practical experience in customer service, food safety, beverage preparation, and small business operations such as inventory management, point-of-sale systems, and marketing.

More than a technical program, Common Grounds is a welcoming space for adult learners to strengthen soft skills such as communication and teamwork while building confidence and belonging. The coffee shop reflects OACES’s mission to prepare adults not only for jobs, but for sustainable careers that contribute to Rochester’s workforce and community.