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Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to Rename School No. 33 in Honor of Dr. Iris J. Banister

Who:

Dr. Eric Jay Rosser, Superintendent of Schools
Members of Dr. Iris J. Banister’s family
Students, families, and staff from School No. 33

What:

Renaming of School No. 33 in honor of Dr. Iris J. Banister

When:

Thursday, September 25, 2025, 4:30 p.m.

Where:

Dr. Iris J. Banister School No. 33
500 Webster Avenue
Rochester, NY 14609

Details:

In June 2024, the Rochester Board of Education voted to rename John James Audubon School No. 33 in memory of Dr. Iris J. Banister, who passed away in March 2024. As an educator and passionate advocate for community empowerment, Dr. Banister made a profound and lasting impact on the lives of countless individuals.

Dr. Banister dedicated 32 years to the Rochester City School District, serving as an elementary teacher, reading specialist, guidance counselor, transition facilitator, and house administrator.

After retiring, she continued to serve the community as executive director of Wilson Commencement Park and The Children’s Zone, an initiative that coordinated services in northeast Rochester. She also founded NAMOW, a counseling and support service for women, and generously shared her expertise through writing and lectures on education and child development.