Rush City Schools
School Board Advisory

February

2025-26

Strategic Directions:

Focus of Our Improvement Efforts

1. Achieve Academic Excellence
2. Foster Positive and Safe Environment
3. Strengthen Community Relationships
4. Finance and Management

C.E. Jacobson Elementary

Achieve Academic Excellence

- I Love to Read Month - “Read S’More Books” theme
  - Students completing reading activities all month long!
- Winter Benchmarking completed
- Schoolwide: Students’ SCIENCE DAY was a huge success!
  - This will happen each quarter
- Alicia attended MESPA Winter Institute & continuing with leadership roles

Foster A Positive And Safe Environment

- Student of the Quarter Celebration, PBIS awards: Root Beer Float, Popcorn, SRO & Donut Parties!
- Student clubs, athletics, student council, knowledge bowl
- Staff ROAR of the Quarter - Nakesha Lopez - PK
- Music programs - grades 1 & 2 on 2/12 at two times
- Emergency Response Team Meetings

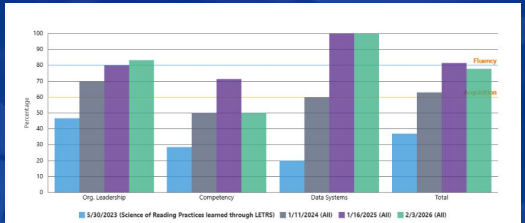
Strengthen Community Relationships

- Parent/Family Engagement Nights Coming Up!
  - 2/27 (Reading/Author Visit) & 4/10 Art Night
- Parent Literacy Focus Groups held on 1/29
  - A.M. and P.M. groups in person
  - A.M. and P.M. groups online
  - Partnership with CAREI and U of M

Conferences are coming up! February 17th & 26th!

Finance and Management

- Winter observations coming to a close
- Instructional Peer Coaches and Q Comp Council meetings
- District Implementation Literacy Team completed the 4th yr. of District Capacity Assessment
    - Provides us with strong data to make comparisons between



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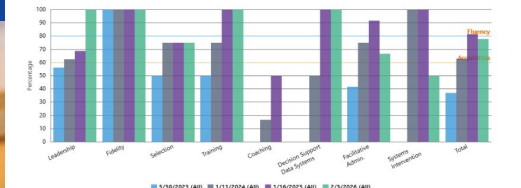

Rush City High School

Achieve Academic Excellence

- Honor Band and Choir perform in Mora
- Band and Choir gearing up for their trip to Nashville
- New semester off and running!
- ACT preparations underway
- Principal's attend MASSP Winter Workshop
- Revamping Course Catalog and reviewing elective options for 26-27

Foster A Positive And Safe Environment

- All RCHS students invited to learn to ski at Wild Mountain
- Spring Class meetings held (7-9;10-11;12)
- Lockdown Drill executed last week

Strengthen Community Relationships

- Rush Rally - Holy Cow!
- Fare for All continues to serve community
- Community Service Task Force in full swing

Finance and Management

- Fund a Dream
- 2nd round of teacher observations complete
- Q-Comp Council and Peer Coach meetings

Rush City Activities

Foster A Positive And Safe Environment

- Thanks to all of our local community members who have been officiating our JH and C team level contests this winter
- A HUGE ‘thank you’ to our bus drivers who take extra-curricular event trips! Their extra effort is very appreciated.
- Our jazz band was able to participate in the GRC Jazz Festival in Braham on February 4th.
- Last meeting tonight for parents and students going on the Nashville trip

Strengthen Community Relationships

- 1st GRC JH Honor Band and Choir event was a huge success! Over 171 students from 10 of the conference schools participated. Clinicians worked with the kids during the day which ended with a public concert. Over 375 family and community members attended.
- RYCSC will host a large volleyball tournament at the high school on February 21st.

Finance and Management

- City planning commission voted to approve a variance for the school district to build the new pressbox. It will be built where the existing press box stands
- Hinckley-Finlayson, Pine City and Rush City are sharing transportation for the high school speech season.

Comments?

Questions?

Suggestions?