

# Rush City Schools School Board Advisory

May

2025-2026



# 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





# What's Happening At C.E.J.?

## Achieve Academic Excellence

- Students are finishing spring testing and benchmarking
  - MCA preliminary data is in
  - Fast testing was just completed and monitoring of building goals is about to take place
- Staff end of year personal goal, PLC, and professional growth checkouts are almost completed (about 8 remain)

# What's Happening At C.E.J.?

## Foster A Positive And Safe Environment

- Final PBIS coupon redemptions and celebrations are underway. Students have had the best year!
- Positive end of year activities have included book bingo, schoolwide bingo, track and field day, fun fest, and a preschool celebration
- We have some fire drills and a lock down drill to complete.

# What's Happening At C.E.J.?

## Strengthen Community Relationships

- Rush City Schools hosted the annual DAPE day once again and all of the area SCRED schools participated
  - It was a great day of community and connection!
- Family art night was successful and we are already planning our events for next year.
- We are adding a fun run to the line up next fall

# What's Happening At C.E.J.?

## Finance and Management

- Goals for the end of the school year are being set based on data collection (academic, intervention, sped, SEL, behavior, attendance)
- Staff and instructional budgets have been set for the next school year.
- Currently working on preparations for next year's Title budgets and data. ADSIS budget was completed.


# Rush City High School





## What's Happening At R.C.H.S.?

### **Achieve Academic Excellence**

- Students have completed the reading and math MCAs. MCA testing was completed successfully, with students and staff demonstrating strong focus and effort throughout the testing window.
  - ALL RCHS students participated in a college fair experience, helping students explore postsecondary opportunities and future career pathways.
  - RCHS students competed at the State FFA Competition, representing Rush City with professionalism and pride.
  - RCHS receives MAELC grant for \$6,580.00 to expand programming options to include floral design, food processing (including canning, meat processing, and beekeeping) and veterinary science
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The background of the slide is a photograph of a classroom. In the foreground, a wooden desk is visible with a blue tray containing various colored markers and pens. In the background, several students are seated at their desks, some with their hands raised. The walls are decorated with colorful circular patterns and a tree-like graphic. A window is visible on the right side of the frame.

# What's Happening At R.C.H.S.?

## Foster A Positive And Safe Environment

- RCHS hosted a successful and well-attended Prom, providing students with a positive and memorable experience.
- Continue to provide students and staff with safety protocol application in the form of lockdown drill and tornado drill.
- Staff Appreciation Week provided opportunities to celebrate and recognize the outstanding efforts of all RCHS staff members.

# What's Happening At R.C.H.S.?

## Strengthen Community Relationships

- The Rootbeer Rag choir events were extremely well received and showcased the talent and dedication of our students.
- Through the generosity of the Rush City Education Foundation and a Perkins grant, RCHS will be purchasing a 24x24 Epilog Laser Engraver to expand hands-on learning opportunities across the district.

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# What's Happening At R.C.H.S.?

## Finance and Management

- RCHS secured approximately \$11,000 in Perkins grant funding to support Career and Technical Education programming.
- Combined with over \$14,000 raised through the Rush City Education Foundation's "Fund a Dream," these funds will support the purchase of new laser engraving technology for district-wide student use.
- Planning continues for the 2026–2027 school year, with a focus on instructional alignment, leadership development, and strengthening systems that support student success.
- Budget process near completion; reductions have been attrition cuts only.

# Rush City Activities



# What's Happening In Activities?

## **Achieve Academic Excellence**

- Ash Eggersgluess placed 1st at the Section 7A speech meet and participated in State speech meet.
- GRC Art Show - RCHS hosted once again. Mr. Kuchenbecker's art classes and Mr. Engel's leadership class put on a great show for the other GRC schools.

# What's Happening In Activities?

## Foster A Positive And Safe Environment

- We can not say THANK YOU enough to our bus drivers. Spring is absolutely crazy with games/reschedules. Add in the field trips and our drivers juggling trips and routes.
- RCHS Prom was held on May 2nd. It was another great day for our kids! The weather was great and Chuckers was a super venue. Over 110 students participated and a great/safe time was had by students and chaperones!

# What's Happening In Activities?

## Strengthen Community Relationships

- Community Education - youth volleyball league and tournament. 34 teams from finished off their spring league with a tournament on May 9th.
- Swinging for Support - The softball team and coaches again put on a fundraiser to help a local family in need on Friday, May 15th. Thank you for this great event!

# What's Happening In Activities?

## Finance and Management

- Pressbox project update: The project is in final stages of county permit approval. Construction will start as soon as that process is completed.
- The pool has been painted and the flooring project has also been completed.

**Comments?**

**Questions?**

**Suggestions?**

