

Rush City Schools School Board Advisory

November

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



The background of the slide is a photograph of a classroom. In the upper left, there are colorful circular decorations. In the lower left, a blue tray with markers and a red pen sits on a wooden table. The rest of the image is covered by a semi-transparent blue rectangle that contains the text.

Achieve Academic Excellence

- Continued participation in Transformation Zone work
- Implementation of CKLA curriculum continues
- Staff development in Standards-Based Grading
- Fall benchmarking in reading and math completed and students assigned Tier 2 and 3 interventions based on data -
- CEJ leadership team working through the process of submission for the **MN School of Excellence** designation. Yearlong process and results the following year.

The background of the slide is a photograph of a classroom. On the left, there is a colorful artwork of a tree with many small, round, multi-colored leaves. To the right, there is a green storage cabinet with several small drawers. The entire image is covered with a semi-transparent blue overlay, which serves as a background for the text.

Foster A Positive And Safe Environment

- PBIS work continues - classrooms had their first ROAR Store checkouts - students can purchase items as a positive incentive for their good choices.
- ROAR Student of the Quarter celebration took place on 11/6. 28 students were recognized with a pizza lunch party!
- Fall parent and family engagement event took place on 10/26 - Halloween dance, crafts, concessions

Strengthen Community Relationships

- Inviting families into the school for programs and events whenever possible
- Partnerships with area businesses to display student artwork (ex: Rush City Bakery, El Mezcal) on an ongoing basis
- Area businesses participating in our events.
- Champions Childcare will be engaging in community connections once the licensure process is completed.



Finance and Management

- Student fundraising for the year is completed and the students “crushed” their goal this year! Funds are used for internal field trips, external field trips, events, supplies, activities, and instructional improvements that directly impact students (hands-on learning, projects)
- Management: A study of schedules and school structures is taking place this year to try to better meet all of our MTSS needs for the future.

Rush City High School





Achieve Academic Excellence

- Continued efforts to ensure students are receiving appropriate support (Tier 2 and 3 interventions)
- 1st round of Teacher Observations underway.
- Implementation of Instructional Model gaining traction.
- 70 students attend college fair at PTCC!
- Plans for exposing students to post-secondary opportunities

A photograph of a classroom with students at their desks. The image is overlaid with a blue semi-transparent rectangle containing text. In the background, there are colorful circular decorations on the wall and a window on the right.

Foster A Positive And Safe Environment

- Continued focus on comprehensive SEL instructional delivery.
- B/C team has put together
- Student's of Character Breakfast November 14th

Strengthen Community Relationships

- District leadership continues to partner with RCEF to develop a significant fundraising event.
- Mayor Johnson check-in meetings with Principal

Finance and Management

- Continued efforts to utilize human capital to maximize student outcomes: Intervention response.
- RCHS awarded 4 grants from the RCEF totalling over \$5000.00

Rush City Activities





Achieve Academic Excellence

- MSHSL Triple A information was sent to all seniors. This award is presented to a senior who excels in Academics, Arts, and Athletics.
- Five members of the football team were recognized as All-Academic by the NorthEast Football District.
- Great River Conference looking to add All-Academic Award

The background image shows a classroom environment. In the foreground, a wooden desk holds a blue tray with various colored markers and pens. Behind the desk, several students are seated at their desks. One student in the center is raising their right hand. The background wall is decorated with colorful, abstract artwork, including a tree-like shape on the left and a cluster of colorful circles in the center. A window is visible on the right side of the frame.

Foster A Positive And Safe Environment

- We recently applied for a grant to help create a cardiac emergency response plan for our school and community.
- Window perforations on the front of high school and office windows

Strengthen Community Relationships

- All community members are invited to the Veteran's Day program on November 11th.
- Continue to work with the Legion and VFW to provide a color guard for some home events.
- AARP 55+ classes offered in person in October and November
- New boulevard banners coming soon

Comments?

Questions?

Suggestions?

