



October 5, 2022

To: RCSD Interim Superintendent, Dr. Carmine Peluso
RTA President, Dr. Adam Urbanski
RCSD Board of Education Commissioners

RE: Lack of Response to Address Collective Parent Concerns in the District:
Collective Impact Parent Public Statement
Position on Racial Trauma Across the Rochester City School District

Approximately three months ago, in June 2022, a collective, parent-led, public statement was emailed to RTA President Dr. Adam Urbanski, former RCSD Superintendent Dr. Lesli Myers-Small, and the Rochester City School District Board of Education. The Parent Engagement Collaborative Action Network (PECAN), a ROC the Future Alliance (RTFA) collaborative, is a parent-led organization that drives the work of system change to improve learning outcomes for Rochester's children, cradle to career.

Under the mission of collective impact, PECAN is collaborating with the Greater Rochester Parent Leadership Training Institute, BIPOC PEEEEEEEEK, and the National Parent Union **to request a written response to the issues of concern stated below, to which all RCSD parents demand a response:**

1. Why has there been no response to our initial letter? There has been no public acknowledgement of the harm done to scholars and families as a result of two incidents of explicitly racist teacher interactions with or regarding RCSD scholars. (RTA / RCSD Administration/ BOE Direct Response)

2. What kind of training has been done, or is being planned, for teachers to repair the harmful and traumatic incidents that were addressed within the initial parent letter emailed in June 2022? (RTA Direct Response)
3. What has been done, or will be done, to inform parents/families across the district of what is planned to initiate a rebuilding of trust between the families/scholars and teachers? (RCSD Administration/ BOE Direct Response)
4. Has a process been created to provide a safe reporting process for scholars and parents to report grievances or concerns about teachers to the Board of Education / District Administration? (RCSD Administration/ BOE Direct Response)

Finally, we would like to extend a cordial invitation to Dr. Urbanski, Dr. Peluso, and all of the Board of Education Commissioners to engage directly with Parent/Family Partners during our **November 15th PECAN Public Session**.

Ultimately, the success of RCSD scholars are driven by the decisions and influence of RCSD leaders, elected Board of Education commissioners, and the Rochester Teachers Union, led by Dr. Urbanski. Rochester scholars and families deserve the right to be full, active partners in the development, education, and protection of our children within all levels of the education system.

Signed a Collaborative of Parent Voices.