

## Highlights

### Superintendent Reports on School Year Start, Increased Enrollment

Dr. Eleanor DiMarino-Linnen, superintendent of the Rose Tree Media School District, described an “enthusiastic” start to the 2022-2023 school year in her remarks to the Board and to the community at the Legislative Meeting on September 22.

The superintendent also reported that the District enrolled 4,186 students at the beginning of the school year and indicated that “the many new housing developments are being quickly occupied, indicating a strong desire for families to move into our district’s boundary areas and be part of our thriving community and schools.”

### New Policies Approved by Board

The RTMSD Board of School Directors gave final approval to five policies at the September 22 Legislative Meeting. These policies focus on board governance and procedures, exemption from instruction, and student dress code.

The specific policies updated were 001 Name and Classification, 004.1 Student Board Representation, 006.1 Attendance at Meetings via Electronic Communications, 105.2 Exemption from Instruction, and 221 Dress and Grooming.

These policies were reviewed by the Ad Hoc Policy Committee and discussed at both the August and September Work Session meetings.

All policies can be accessed in the RTM Board Policy Manual at: <https://www.rtmsd.org/Page/133>



The Rose Tree Media Board of School Directors held a Legislative Meeting on September 22, 2022

*Next Legislative Meeting:*  
October 27, 2022

#### Board of Education Members

Susan Henderson-Utis  
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#### Student Liaisons

Joy Chen  
Jason Lanca  
Neil Sen

#### Superintendent

Dr. Eleanor DiMarino-Linnen

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## Substitute Teachers to Receive Retention Bonus

At its Legislative Meeting on September 22, the RTMSD Board of School Directors approved a retention bonus for substitute teachers across the district's schools.

Each building substitute teacher who works at least 95 percent of the days between September 6 and December 23 will receive a bonus of \$2,500. This means the sub must work at least 66 out of a possible 70 days to earn the bonus. Additionally, a retention bonus of \$2,500 will be paid to building substitute teachers for working at least 90 percent of the days between January 3 and June 5, 2023. A building substitute teacher will need to work at least 91 out of 96 days to earn this second bonus.

The Board is pleased to provide this bonus to help attract and retain high-quality substitute teachers, who fill critical roles when regular classroom teachers need to be away for an illness or other reasons. In these situations, subs step in to ensure students continue learning.

## Three Student Board Liaisons to Serve During 2022-2023 School Year

Two new student liaisons to the RTMSD Board of School Directors were seated at the Legislative Meeting on September 22. Juniors Joy Chen and Jason Lanca join senior Neil Sen (in his second year of service) as the three student liaisons to the board from Penncrest High School for the 2022-2023 school year.

## Penncrest High School Ranked Among Region's Best

Penncrest High School is one of only four Delaware County high schools recognized by *Philadelphia Magazine* as among the top in the region.

In her report to the Board on September 22, Dr. Eleanor DiMarino-Linnen said "this is a testament to our administrators, teachers, parents, and students pulling together to successfully meet the challenges that were placed in front of us during the last two-and-one-half years."

Read more:

<https://www.phillymag.com/news/top-rated-public-high-schools-philadelphia/>



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