



# Rockford Public Schools

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Good Morning RPS School Community,

As you've probably heard, our Lady Rams Basketball team is on fire! We are so proud of the work they've put in and successes they have already had. Our Rams will travel to the Breslin Center this Friday for a 12:00 pm MHSAA State Semi-Finals game. As a district, we've had this happen before. In 2003, our district altered our calendar to allow the Ram Nation to travel to this important community event for our Boys' Basketball team. We now have an opportunity to support our Girls' Basketball team in the same way. The conditions were a little different then, but the sentiment of our community supporting our student-athletes remains.

We want our students and our community to be able to travel safely to this special event. We know that we will have many staff members and many students who will be in attendance. We will not be able to adequately staff our schools on this day and we don't believe we will meet the 75% threshold for district attendance. Because of this (and our collective RAM PRIDE), **we have decided that school will not be in session at the DK through 12<sup>th</sup> grade level on Friday, March 18, 2022. Childcare will be open at all elementary buildings.** The RPS Board of Education will still be holding the scheduled superintendent interviews on Friday March 18, 2022 at the Rockford Freshman Center.

We understand that this may be disruptive to some families and we want you to know that we've looked at our staffing levels, student attendance projections and even reached out to the MHSAA to request a later game time such that we could safely have school and then attend the important game as a community.

All that said, this is a major point of pride and we're excited to be able to support our students in this way. We've had a long 24 months and events like this are one way we reignite our sense of community.

I want to encourage your family consider a trip to East Lansing along with the rest of our school community to show support for our student-athletes. General Admission tickets can be purchased at the Box Office at the Breslin Center. I'll be in the stands cheering on our Lady Rams and I hope to see you there as well.

Respectfully,

Korie Wilson-Crawford