

Follow-Up Questions
Board of Education Meeting
Jan. 29, 2019

The following questions were asked at the Jan. 29, 2019 Board of Education meeting:

How are we preparing students for the variety of post-school pathways – higher education, careers, apprenticeship programs and entrepreneurship?

All New Rochelle High School classes are intended to prepare students for higher education with the goal of equipping all students with the skills necessary to succeed in a college or university. We provide access to career-oriented and technical education programs with the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES). About 200 NRHS students attend BOCES courses, which can lead to higher education as well as opportunities for apprenticeships and careers. Our robust business curriculum explores some aspects of entrepreneurship. We also offer a college entrepreneurship class.

What are the plans to improve Bullying, Depression, Substance Abuse, & Mental Health Issues?

We have instituted the Safe School Ambassador Training program in grades 6 through 12 to train students to prevent bullying and reinforce pro-social behavior. This training will extend to the upper elementary grades in the 2019-20 school year.

We have introduced a new social emotional curriculum that we started in the elementary school and middle schools.

Restorative Practice training for faculty and staff has been ongoing this school year through the Student Services Department. At the elementary level, we are introducing staff to this in a proactive approach for strengthening relationships. At the secondary level, a cohort of staff members was trained in gaining skills and tools to lead Restorative Circles, which build community, dialogue and understanding.

We use a Multi-Tier System of Support to help students with emotional problems through our clinical staff. Students may receive counseling in our schools and/or may also be referred to outside counselors, depending upon their needs.