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Dear Rensselaer Central Schools Community:

I would like to welcome parents, guardians, and students to the 2023-2024 school year. We've been busy getting ready for students and there are some exciting changes you can read about below. We're looking forward to seeing students on Thursday, August 10.

Textbook Rental Costs Eliminated

The State of Indiana enacted legislation to eliminate textbook rental fees as of July 1, 2023. The legislation did not address classroom fees, however, RCSC's Board of School Trustees has voted not to charge fees for the 2023-2024 school year. Savings on textbook rental and classroom fees will be approximately \$100,000 for our community. Students and families will still be responsible for the cost of lost and damaged items.

No Charge for Breakfast and Lunch for Students

RCSC applied for a federal program allowing the school to provide all students with breakfast and lunch at no charge. Students will still be responsible if they wish to purchase extra food or à la carte items. This program will result in approximately \$130,000 in savings to our families and guarantee all students can have at least two meals a day.

Building Upgrades

Students and parents coming to our schools will notice Van Elementary's exterior was repaired and painted. There is also new Van office furniture, new swim lockers, and additional lockers have been installed in the boys' locker room. The high school and Van also received new classroom furniture.

Student Performance

Rensselaer Schools' students in grades 3-8 did very well on the 2023 ILEARN. For Grades 3-8, our students scored in the top 10 percent of all schools in the State of Indiana for the percent of students passing both math and language arts. Congratulations to our students and teachers for a job well done!

In our Advanced Placement classes, students earned scores which qualified them for credit for 71 college classes. Each of these classes represent a cost that can be avoided by our students and families. At an average cost of \$500 for a class at a public university, this represents a potential savings of over \$35,000.

We are excited to see you, and your students, as we continue to provide quality learning experiences in our community.

Curt Craig
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