



## Rye City School District

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Dear Members of the Rye Community,

The Rye City School District motto is "In Pursuit of Excellence." Members of the Rye community can be proud of the superb work taking place in each and every one of our schools, each and every day. Rye students are motivated and hard working. Our dedicated teachers demonstrate a continual willingness to improve themselves and their craft that is truly impressive. Our community and parent body are supportive of and involved in the schools.

The Rye Fund for Education is a relatively new addition to the educational fabric of Rye, but it is a critical one. The Fund is a 501 (c) (3) organization dedicated to supporting and enhancing Rye's educational opportunities. Through the work of the Fund, the community is able to take the excellent education which our students receive to the next level.

The Fund supports three areas of education, sometimes referred to as the "three A's:" Academics, Arts and Athletics. Donations to the Fund have already supported a variety of programs, including the District's Project Based Learning faculty fellowship program, the literacy Initiative, arts-related learning activities at all five schools, and critical athletic facilities renovations. It is important to acknowledge that the Fund has been able to leverage its dollars by combining with other sources of funds, including the School District and the parent organizations at the individual schools.

I have seen the impact a school foundation can make first hand. My former district in Chappaqua had a vibrant foundation that had been in place for over 20 years. I can't wait to see what the Rye Fund for Education can do for our schools and our students, both now and in the years to come.

Many of you have already generously donated to the Fund. I urge you to continue to do so, and I welcome other members of the community to join in the effort to enhance the already superb reputation of the Rye schools.

I hope you will join me in supporting the Rye Fund for Education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Byrne".

Eric Byrne Ed.D.

Superintendent of Schools