

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL SCHOOL

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The law requires that there be a school council "at each public elementary, secondary and independent vocational school in the Commonwealth. School councils are to assist principals by reviewing the school building budget and developing the school improvement plan. The law explicitly gives the school principal responsibility for defining the composition and overseeing the formation of the council. However, the composition of the council is to consist of parents of students attending the school, teachers, and other community members.

The law affirms that council members are selected via the principle of peer selection. This means that parent members are to be selected by the parents of students attending the school, in elections held by the PTO; and, the teacher members are to be selected by the teachers in the school. The process should be fair, open and without the influence of the school committee, superintendent, or principal.

Parents Nicole Zutaut, Donna Forcier and Kevin Thompson have served on the RMS School Council for the past two years. As their terms have ended we thank them for their service. In search of new members to the RMS School Council 2016-2018, we will be holding elections during our open house night. Therefore, if you are interested in being part of the RMS school council please fill out and return the bottom portion of this letter to your child's teacher. Your name will then be placed on the School Council ballot, which will be available at open house for parents to vote on three representatives. These ballots will be available at the RMS PTO table in the main foyer and tallied by the PTO representatives at the end of the evening on Tuesday August 30.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me in the main office at 508-763-2049 or by email at derekmedeiros@oldrochester.org.

(Detach Here)

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Child's Name: _____ Child's Grade _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Signature: _____

Derek Medeiros
Principal

Charles West
Assistant Principal

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL SCHOOL- C.A.R.E.S.
Cooperation, Assertiveness, Responsibility, Empathy, and Self-Control.
We seek to demonstrate these values in all that we do!