

Rochester City School District Board of Education



Board of Education

September 19, 2019

President

Van Henri White

Chancellor Betty Rosa

Vice President

Cynthia Elliott

New York State Board of Regents

New York State Education

89 Washington Ave, EB110

Albany, NY 12234

Members

Judith Davis

Elizabeth Hallmark

Beatriz LeBron

Willa Powell

Natalie Sheppard

Dear Chancellor Rosa:

District Clerk

Marisol O. Ramos-Lopez

The Rochester City School District learned late Wednesday evening there are concerns related to the preliminary findings in the District's 2018-19 internal year-end audit reconciliation. Early analysis of the 2018-19 budget shows that these concerns may be related to overspending in certain areas, such as increased health insurance costs due to our status of being self-insured and rising costs for required special education services and staff.

Superintendent of Schools

Terry J. Dade

This certainly is not a final assessment, and we will continue with a full assessment of our financial status. However, in order to be transparent, we wanted to inform community stakeholders of the situation immediately. At the October Board Audit Committee Meeting, Superintendent Dade will provide a more detailed assessment.

In this regard, the Rochester Board of Education is committed to working closely with Superintendent Dade to thoroughly investigate and take the necessary actions to ensure financial stability as we move forward on behalf of our students and families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Van Henri White", written over a large, stylized circular flourish.

Van Henri White

President