Dear RMSEL Students and Parent Community,

We are excited to share, on behalf of PACK, that we have raised the additional $17,000 through the Annual Fund to pursue the development of the activity field adjacent to school. We now have $130,000 to complete the project and will begin the process to break ground on this exciting project. The additional $103,000 to complete this project was made possible by a previous giving campaign that has remain earmarked toward this project from a previous capital campaign. The target for the original project was $240,000, which included a non-regulation cinder track. The cinder track has been eliminated from the project plan, allowing us to create a multiple purpose activity field. The field will be utilized for RMSEL physical education programs as well as RMSEL athletic programs. We will not lease this space initially, allowing it to take hold and set up properly. We will hold a groundbreaking ceremony once a date is established with our contractors.

We conducted a tornado drill today to ensure the safe execution of procedures. As a reminder, next Tuesday we will also be conducting a Lockdown drill with students, as shared in my previous communication. The safety of our community is paramount to ensuring the school’s ability to foster academic engagement. We appreciate the support of our parent community in maintaining a safe school.

I had the opportunity to be in classrooms today, observing students engaged in complex writing tasks. The revision process at RMSEL is a key structure used across our learning community to foster the growth and development in our students as writers. Students are provided multiple opportunities to confer with one another, provide descriptive feedback to one another, and the ability to submit multiple drafts as they work toward mastery. Students are also challenged in the classroom through prompt writing that requires students to generate a detailed response.

Finally, I want to thank one of our teachers for his recent leadership in supporting students as they develop habits of scholarship. High School teacher Eric Dinkel has organized an afterschool learning opportunity for high school students and families to assist with work completion at school and outside of school. This learning opportunity serves as an alternative to consequences for late or missing assignment and will allow students and parents to develop an action plan for success. I appreciate the ownership and leadership that Eric has demonstrated as he works to support our students.

Sincerely,

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