

RCSD, schools get state grants

After-school activities at community centers

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The Rochester City School District and Eugenio Maria de Hostos Charter School shared more than \$2 million in state grant funding to turn schools into community centers with an array of after-school activities.

The district got \$1.2 million to make Martin Luther King Jr. School 9 and Abraham Lincoln School 22, both in northeast Rochester, into community schools. Eugenio Maria de Hostos, a charter school with campuses on Joseph Avenue and Zimbrich Street, got \$900,000 for after-school programming. The grants were part of \$78 million distributed statewide to create what the New York State Education Department called “21st century community learning centers.” “In many of our communities, schools must be more than just a place for learning. They must serve as community centers that provide families and students with much-needed resources and services they wouldn’t otherwise be able to access,” Board of Regents Chancellor Betty A. Rosa said in a statement. “The grant money will allow more of our schools, with the help of partner organizations, to establish and grow enrichment activities and services for under-served children.”

Schools 9 and 22 will partner with Baden Street Settlement to add hundreds of hours of instructional time for their combined 1,300 students. There will also be a new after-school program as well as adult educational opportunities, including high school equivalency classes and financial literacy.

Eugenio Maria de Hostos, with the help of the Ibero- American Action League, will add a fourhour block of after-school programming, including music, technology and family support services.

Quad A for Kids also received \$400,000 and the YMCA of Greater Rochester received \$128,000. All the grants will be distributed over five years.

Separately, the Key-Bank Foundation announced Friday a gift of \$250,000 to the College Access and Support program at Rochester Prep.

That money will go toward counseling Rochester Prep high school students both before and after they graduate to ensure they have access to college, and are successful once they enroll.

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Kindergartner Camila Sanchez-Gonzalez prepares her classmates for going over a journal entry she made that included a picture and writing at the Eugenio Maria de Hostos

Charter School.

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Sheela Webster, above, the principal of World of Inquiry School 58 in Rochester, was named the top K-12 building principal of 2017 by the State Administrators Association of New York State.

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