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Spencerport Considers Urban-Suburban Program

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One Rochester-area school superintendent says the Urban-Suburban program is a “win-win” for everyone involved, but there are misconceptions that constantly need to be addressed.



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That’s according to West Irondequoit Superintendent Jeff Crane. His comments come after the Spencerport School Board opted to postpone a vote on the program until January 2015.

Crane, whose district was the first to adopt Urban-Suburban nearly fifty years ago in 1965, says he wasn’t surprised with the school board’s decision. He says it’s an opportunity to correct the inaccurate information being spread about the program.

"It's a persistent effort in a calm way to make sure that people know the facts and you continue to say them and you understand that that whole time there are going to be people who for whatever reason are not listening and do not want to know the facts."

Urban-Suburban was created to end racial isolation in area public schools. Crane says it doesn't compromise the academic outcomes of a district - something he calls a common misconception about the program.

A recent study found that nearly 97-percent of Urban-Suburban students go to college after graduation.

The Spencerport School Board will now vote on the program in January 2015. If the board approves the Urban-Suburban program - it will launch next fall.

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