

# Rhea County Department of Education

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Dear Students, Families, and Staff,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 School Year! We hope everyone had a great summer and is excited to be back! Our district, like everyone, has faced many challenges the last two school years, but our students and staff have adapted and persevered. The effort is evident in our district test scores, where we met or exceeded the state average in many areas. We are looking forward to even more successes.

**Academics** continue to be our school district's priority. Our top goal is to maximize student learning. This goal is tied directly to **attendance** and **discipline**. Students must be present and in an atmosphere that is conducive to learning. We plan to improve attendance by preventing chronic absenteeism and enforcing our attendance policies. Discipline will be addressed with corrective action as needed. We appreciate your support from home as we encourage our students to follow all school rules to ensure that this is achieved. We want our students to have a school campus that they are proud of. We have been able to improve our facilities with many projects in the last few months with more in the works.

- Beautification and Safety Measures at all schools
- A new Physical Education Building for RCHS and RMS
- Outdoor Classroom and Greenhouse at SCMS
- Upgrades to our baseball and softball fields at RCHS
- Renovation of Eagle Stadium
- Renovation of old Adult Ed building at SCES to provide a new CDC Classroom and a Gen. Ed. Classroom (under construction)
- RCES Outdoor Classroom (under construction)
- Cafeteria Expansions at Frazier & Graysville (next summer)

Looking forward to another great year for Rhea County Schools,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jesse Messimer".

Jesse Messimer  
Director of Schools