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Rotolo Middle School Named 2016-17 RAMP School by ASCA

October 26, 2016 (Batavia, IL) - The American School Counselor Association (ASCA) just named Rotolo Middle School a Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) school. The RAMP designation, awarded for aligning with the criteria in the ASCA National Model, recognizes schools that are committed to delivering a comprehensive, data-driven school counseling program and an exemplary educational environment. The RAMP designation is valid for five years, after which time schools must reapply to maintain their RAMP status.

Since the RAMP program's inception in 2003, only 600 schools nationwide have been designated as recipients. Rotolo Middle School is one of three middle schools in Illinois to currently hold this designation.

"This year's RAMP honorees have shown their commitment to students and the school counseling profession," said Jill Cook, ASCA assistant director. "These schools used data to drive their program development and implementation so all students can achieve success. RAMP designation distinguishes these schools and encourages school counselors nationwide to strive for excellence."

Rotolo Middle School will be honored at a recognition ceremony at ASCA's annual conference in Denver, Colo., on Monday, July 10, 2017, for making an exemplary commitment to comprehensive school counseling programs.

"I could not be prouder of our Counseling Department for this tremendous accomplishment and for their dedication to RMS students and families," said Rotolo Middle School Principal Bryan Zwemke. "This well-deserved designation speaks volumes about the programs and services our Counseling Department has developed to support our students academically, socially, and emotionally."

RAMP applications are reviewed by teams of school counseling professionals. For more information about the program, visit www.schoolcounselor.org/ramp.

About the American School Counselor Association

The American School Counselor Association (ASCA) is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) professional organization based in Alexandria, Va. ASCA promotes student success by expanding the image and influence of school counseling through leadership, advocacy, collaboration and systemic change. ASCA helps school counselors guide their students toward academic achievement, career planning and social/emotional development to help today's students become tomorrow's productive, contributing members of society. Founded in 1952, ASCA, the school counseling division of the American Counseling Association, has a network of 50 state associations and a membership of nearly 32,000 school counseling professionals. For additional information on the American School Counselor Association, visit schoolcounselor.org.

About Rotolo Middle School

Rotolo Middle School serves approximately 1,500 students in grades six through eight and is the only middle school in Batavia Public School District 101. The RMS Counseling Department assists all students in reaching their maximum potential by providing a comprehensive counseling program that addresses academic achievement, social/emotional development, and career readiness. Academic teams at each grade level provide instruction in math, science, social studies, language, literature/reading, along with a teacher advisory program. An exploratory team provides a full year of physical education for all students plus art, communications, drama, health, computer science, family and consumer science, foreign language, music, robotics, and shop.

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