



## **Roselle Public Schools Joins Verizon Innovative Learning, Bringing Internet Access, Devices and Technology Coaches to Local Schools**

*In partnership with Digital Promise, Verizon Innovative Learning will welcome three Roselle Public Schools for the 2023-24 school year*

ROSELLE, New Jersey – March 16, 2023 – Today, Roselle Public Schools joins Verizon Innovative Learning, Verizon’s award-winning education initiative which addresses barriers to digital inclusion. In partnership with Digital Promise, the Verizon Innovative Learning Schools program equips every student and teacher at select middle and high schools across America with a device and up to a four-year data plan. In addition to free technology and access, schools receive extensive teacher training and support, along with the opportunity to engage in powerful teaching and learning that leverages technology in and out of the classroom.

Leonard V. Moore Middle School, Grace Wilday Junior High School, and Abraham Clark High School are among the 32 new schools joining the 10th cohort of Verizon Innovative Learning Schools, bringing the program to nearly 600 middle and high schools nationwide.

In addition to free laptops with accompanying Verizon data plans for every student and teacher beginning in fall 2023, participating schools will be assigned a full-time coach to train teachers in effectively integrating technology into their lessons.

“Roselle Public Schools is excited to be a part of this innovative initiative that will provide support through technology, connectivity, professional learning, and access to a national network,” said Dr. Nathan L. Fisher, Superintendent of Schools. “This partnership will help us prioritize connecting students with possible destinations for beyond graduation.”

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“Participation in this program ensures equal access and connectivity by providing scholars with the opportunity to explore their talents and skills beyond the physical bell,” said Evenide Fanfan-Vilcean, Supervisor of Instructional Technology, CTE & Student Information. “Thanks to Verizon Innovative Learning, students will be exposed to relevant career paths as we focus on teaching about future professions.”

“So many students across the nation lack the access to technology and resources they need to be successful in today’s digital world,” said Mario Acosta-Velez, Verizon State and Government Affairs. “On behalf of Verizon, we are excited to help enable students in Roselle Public Schools to develop the skills, knowledge and capabilities for a more promising future.”

Verizon Innovative Learning is driving academic improvements. \* In fact, 78 percent of teachers reported that Verizon Innovative Learning enhanced their ability to differentiate instruction and 77 percent said the program enhanced student engagement. \*

These efforts to support digital inclusion are part of Citizen Verizon, Verizon’s responsible business plan to move the world forward for all. Learn more about the Verizon Innovative Learning Schools program and how to apply at [verizon.digitalpromise.org](https://verizon.digitalpromise.org).