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Re: RMS Overcrowded

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Thank you for giving us the opportunity to vent about the overcrowding at RMS, even if there are no solutions in the foreseeable future. I'm sorry that I left you with the impression that we are not proud of Rutland and our Alma Mater RMS (which was Rutland High School at one time). Exactly the opposite: we are very proud of our history, and our old school. I agree it had some positive features, and does have excellent teachers and proud students. RMS does have to work extra hard to maintain this spirit and pride though without the same resources. I did not mean to hurt your heart Ms. Desrosiers and I apologize. I can appreciate how you feel though—likely similar to how I felt when it was brought to my attention that a teacher in another middle school told students who were misbehaving to “smarten up or they will be deported to Rutland Middle School”. My response was my usual that there is nothing wrong with Rutland Middle School and many of the nicest, best people I know are from Rutland!! Unfortunately not everyone has the opportunity to recognize RMS attributes. Appearances do matter to some. We do not expect a new school but even the annexes that other overcrowded schools have, look like a better solution. I must admit I haven't been in them though so maybe the grass looks greener on the other side. I have been in several other middle schools involved with sporting events though and they do present much better than RMS. It does not sound like your or our frustration with the status of RMS will likely change but I really did feel like I had to advocate. Thanks again for listening.

Wendy Holly

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