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Skate for Schools benefits scholarships for teachers, aids PTA

### **Tuesday, April 2, 2013**

ROCHESTER — As the Rochester School District Foundation looks to take its fundraising efforts to the next level, it's inviting residents to join in the Skate for Our Schools event coming up April 12.

Part of the proceeds from the roller skating event will go toward the School District Foundation, to benefit scholarships for teachers. The other part of the proceeds will benefit the Parent Teacher Association.

The event will take place at the Rochester Arena on Lowell Street, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 12.

Peggy Parker, past president and current member of the School District Foundation, said the nonprofit organization is relatively new, having been incorporated about two years ago.

She said the goal of the foundation — comprised of school administrators, School Board members, and parents — is to elevate the educational experience of all the students in the district.

So far, the School District Foundation has awarded five teacher grants and two scholarships to students. Some of the grants for teachers have been used to benefit students in areas such as occupational therapy, learning Spanish, and dealing with bullying.

Parker said that while so far the organization has been operating at a relatively low-key level, its members are now looking to contribute scholarships that can make a bigger difference.

After the Skate for Our Schools event, the foundation is also hosting a golf tournament, an event that Parker hopes will become the organization's big annual fundraiser. The tournament will be held June 25, at the Rochester Country Club, with registration starting at 8 a.m.

At the upcoming Skate for Our Schools event, participants will be able to rent skates, and enjoy baked goods and soft drinks for sale. Admission is \$2 for students, and \$5 for adults. All students must be accompanied by an authorized adult.

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