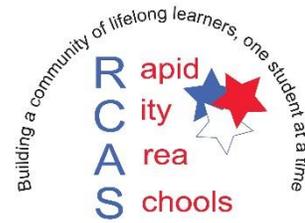


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## Meet Katy Urban, our new Public Information Manager

Katy Urban is our new Public Information Manager for the Rapid City Area Schools. Katy's background is primarily in TV news. She was an anchor and reporter at a local station here in the Black Hills for more than 6 years. Katy also worked closely with local youth as the Teen Court Coordinator and Juvenile Diversion Director at the Pennington County State's Attorney Office. She is familiar with our District as she has three children in the Rapid City Area Schools. If you have story ideas or need information pertaining to the Rapid City Area Schools, you can reach her at (605) 394-4091 or on her cell (605) 390-1182. Watch for news updates on our Facebook, Twitter and at RCAS.org.

## 2016 Legislature

This year's legislative session is going to be very important for K-12 education. Rapid City Area Schools Administrators will be monitoring any education funding bills in addition to any bills that pertain to K-12 education. As bills are submitted, RCAS administrators and Board members will discuss the legislation and then decide whether to support, oppose or remain neutral on the bill. You can find the information on our webpage RCAS.org. You will notice a new "legislature" tab on the menu.

Watch for updates!



## **MGT of America study, the process:**

The district hired MGT of America to develop a facilities master plan for the District. Each building was assessed. MGT of America education experts held five community input meetings this fall and did a survey. Their experts also looked at growth trends in the area. Taking the community feedback into consideration and the data collected, MGT of America staff is working to rate each building and come up with recommendations for the Board of Education. The full report will be released February 8, at the Board of Education meeting.

## **About MGT of America Inc.**

MGT offers comprehensive services to assist in developing facilities master plans. This process often requires the development of multiple scenarios in order to determine the most efficient and effective plan within the budget available. Plan components typically include:

- Renovations
- School closures
- Additions
- Building new schools
- Changing grade configurations
- Aligning space to educational program offerings
- Changing attendance boundaries
- Policy changes that affect school facilities
- Budget estimates (capital & operational)
- Planning for special program schools