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Safety Patrol Award Ceremony Honoring Longtime School No. 22 Employee

Who:

Noel Colon, organizer of the safety patrol program
Dr. Demario Strickland, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Adam Bello, Monroe County Executive

What:

School No. 22 Safety Patrol Award Ceremony

When:

Monday, June 16, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

Where:

Abraham Lincoln School No. 22
595 Upper Falls Blvd.
Rochester, NY 14605

Details:

Abraham Lincoln School No. 22 will host its annual Safety Patrol Award Ceremony, during which new student officers are designated for the upcoming school year. The ceremony honors student leaders who contribute to a safe and supportive school environment by assisting with arrival and dismissal and helping younger classmates navigate the school day.

This year, Monroe County Executive Adam Bello will attend the ceremony to surprise and formally recognize Mr. Noel Colon, a bilingual special education teaching assistant who has worked at School No. 22 since 1994 and has served in the Rochester City School District for even longer. Mr. Colon played a key role in organizing this ceremony each year, helping students feel seen and celebrated for their leadership.

Beyond his role in the classroom, Mr. Colon is deeply involved in the community, volunteering through his church, teaching guitar to students, and supporting summer and after-school programs. Known for his dedication, he often arrives early and stays late, serving as a steady and supportive presence for generations of students.