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Second Annual Strike Out ALS Event to Honor RCSD Athletic Director

Who:

Joe LaPietra, Athletic Director in the Rochester City School District

What:

Second annual Strikeout ALS event – a multi-game baseball and softball fundraiser to support families affected by ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease)

When:

Saturday, May 3, 2025, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Where:

Honeoye Falls-Lima High School **(11 a.m.)**
83 East Street
Honeoye Falls, NY 14472

Eastridge High School **(1:30 p.m.)**
2350 East Ridge Road
Rochester, NY 14622

Details:

The second annual Strikeout ALS event will take place on Saturday, May 3, with baseball and softball games at two locations: Honeoye Falls-Lima High School and Eastridge High School. The event aims to raise awareness and funds to support families affected by ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. This year's event will feature 10 games across both sites.

The event honors Joe LaPietra, a longtime athletic director for the Rochester City School District, who suffers from ALS. Joe, who served as athletic director at Joseph C. Wilson Magnet High School Commencement Academy for many years, shaped the lives of countless students and staff through his leadership. While he still serves as an athletic director for modified sports and remains sharp, ALS has significantly impacted his physical abilities, and he now uses a wheelchair.

A group of local athletic directors came together to organize this event in his honor, and participating teams aim to raise \$1,000 to support families in Western and Central New York impacted by ALS. Teams from East High School, Edison Career and Technology High School, Joseph C. Wilson Magnet High School Commencement Academy, Padilla High School at the Franklin Campus, and School of the Arts will be participating.