

DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

February 19, 2026

4:15 p.m. – Room 214

Minutes

1. Welcome/Introductions

Committee Members: Shelley Arns, Kim Dinkheller, Erica Maynard, Jessica Loos, Janet Silas, Dennis Williams

QPS Staff:

Members of the Public: Deb Husar, Quincy Herald Whig, Dr. Todd Porter, Michelle McCormick, Muddy River News

1. **Member Arns called the meeting to order 4:15 pm.**

2. Committee Discussion Items

- **Annual Report: Mid-year Student Measures of Improvement Report**

Kim Dinkheller, Director of Teaching and Learning, and Erica Maynard, QPS Elementary Education Director reviewed the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) data with the committee. K-8 students take the MAP test in reading and math, and sixth and seventh grade students also take the science portion. Nearly all QPS schools performed at or above the norm on the MAP testing. Kim noted the changes to MAP for this year, which include new normative data for 2025 and a new algorithm. The algorithm is set up to prefer grade level questions and it also considers the standards of the state the students are in when tested.

Erica reviewed the assessment data for Early Childhood and Family Center (ECFC) students in Head Start and Pre-K. She shared that students are making gains in both Head Start and Preschool for All and are moving in the right direction to meet proficiency by the end of the school year.

3. Recommend to the Board of Education for Action

- None

4. Consider any other matter relating to the District Improvement Process

- None

5. Questions and Comments from the Public

- Dr. Todd Porter asked how the norm of 50 percent on MAP is related to reading proficiency. Kim shared that there is a study that links NWEA MAP norms to performance on Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR).

There was discussion on student's reading enjoyment and their stamina for lengthy test questions.

Member Arns asked for a motion to adjourn. Member Silas made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and this was seconded by member Williams. The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Next Meeting April 16, 2026