

UPDATE

Quincy Public
Schools
Newsletter

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FROM SUPERINTENDENT WEBB—BOARD MEETING REVIEW

The April Board meeting was held at the Early Childhood and Family Center. ECFC students led the Pledge of Allegiance and performed a song. Transitional Kindergarten teachers Kristen Summers, Ashley Flesner and Curriculum Coordinator Denise Moore reported on their students' progress. There are 30 students in two classrooms. At the beginning of the school year, only seven of the students were proficient in *letter identification*. Spring assessments indicate 27 students are now proficient or above. In *number identification*, only eight students were proficient in the fall and now 26 are proficient or above. These students have made amazing progress and will be ready for regular kindergarten next fall.

Updated information was provided to Board Members about the cost sharing of the School Resource Officers. The Quincy Police Department and City of Quincy had asked to increase the District's cost to 75%, up from the current 50% for the three officers. After discussions with Police Chief Copley and Mayor Moore, a compromise was reached that the District will be charged the same percentage as other organizations in town, which is 55%. An intergovernmental agreement with the city to cover the officers will be approved by the Board at a future meeting.

School Social Worker Sharon Bearden and School Psychologist Kelly Waner presented an overview of their roles in Quincy Public Schools and schools in Adams County. There are eight school social workers serving QPS and county schools. School Social Workers advocate for children and their families, serve as behavior consultants/coaches, and are a home-school-community liaison. They promote early identification and provide interventions/strategies for students with special needs. They are team leaders to support social emotional interventions. School social workers provide individual and small group counseling identified by building needs. There are five full-time school psychologists, two interns, and one retired psychologist serving QPS, parochial, and county schools. The District is trying to recruit and hire two additional psychologists. A specialist level degree is required for school psychologists. The psychologists consult with teachers, parents, administrators, and community mental health providers about learning, social, and behavior problems. They assist educators in implementing safe, healthy classroom and school environments and engage in school-wide mental health activities. Psychologists conduct research and assess and evaluate the wide variety of school-related problems. They test students for special education, do observations of students, teachers, and classrooms, make referrals for safe school evaluations, develop and implement interventions and analyze data. They provide crisis intervention, collaborate with community agencies, attend psychiatric appointments, coordinate mental health services in schools and schedule meetings with parents. School social workers and psychologists are an integral part of the team to educate students to achieve personal excellence.

Respectfully, Roy Webb



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Appointments for 2016-17

RENEA YATES—SAM QJHS. MEGAN GINSTER—QHS SPEC ED. KELLY WEIMAN—QHS SPEC ED/AGRICULTURE. BILL SANDERS — QHS ASST PRIN (PREV ASST PRIN/ATHLETIC DIRECTOR). BRENDA FLEER—DEAN QJHS PREV TEACHER. SHELBY MOSS—BUSINESS QAVTC. RACHEL ELDER—ENG QHS. AUDREY HERMSMEIER—SPEECH/LANG INCREASE TO 1 FTE. SCOTT DOUGLAS—ATH DIR PREV. TRANS DISCIPLINE.

Other Appointments/Changes—

GAYLAND BLAKEMORE—TRANS DISCIPLINE 4/21/16 PREV STAR GUIDE BALDWIN N. BRUCE EWING—DAY CUST QHS 4/18/16. PREV NIGHTS. CAMI MOCK—ADMIN ASST BOE PREV BALDWIN N. 4/25/16.

Leaves—MARCEY WELLS—PRIN ADAMS. 4/12 THROUGH APPROX 5/24/16. ASHLEY AEILTS—3RD MADISON. EXT LEAVE FOR 2016-2017 SCH YR. CHANCY RODEGHERO—SPEECH PATH MADISON. EXTEND LEAVE THROUGH APPROX 5/19/16. TIM ANDERS—CUST DEWEY. 5/2 THROUGH APPROX 5/16/16. PENNIE KRUSE—FOOD SERV BALDWIN. 4/18 THROUGH END OF SCH YR. JOHN LUMPKIN—FAM LIAISON ACRSS. 4/2 THROUGH END OF SCH YR. CARROLL HILL—DRIVER. 3/30 THROUGH 5/25/16

Resignations—STEPHANIE BURRY—PBIS EXT COACH, MENTOR COORD, QJHS HEAD GOLF COACH 7/31/16. BRAD DANCE—7TH 8TH GRD BASKETBALL COACH 4/20/16, LORI TEEL-TAOEP FAM LIAISON MENTOR 7/2/16.

Resignation end of the year—KARILYN WILLIAMS—1ST GRD MONROE. MICHAEL BOLING—SP ED ELLINGTON. NIKI ST. HILL—CHADDOCK YOUTH LIAISON. TONY FESLER—STAR GUIDE BALDWIN W. ADALINE BODEN—CONS ED QHS. PAULA PETER—ENGLISH QJHS. SAMANTHA FARLOW—LANG ARTS/MATH QJHS. BRETT PERRY—TEACHER ABC ACADEMY. BRUCE BONNESS — PE BERRIAN. ELIZABETH MEYER—4TH GRD BALDWIN S. CHERYL FRANK—PARA ADAMS. LESLIE ROMERO—PARA MONROE. LISA WRIGHT—PARA DEWEY. LINDSAY COULTER—PARA MONROE.

CONGRATULATIONS

QHS Senior named *Youth of the Year* by Exchange Club
MADISON KIM

Quincy Art Center High School Competition:

Marissa Bauer, Lidia Bigley, Erika Carter, Abigail Kemp, Madeline Kemp, Jaden Raney.

Award Winners:

Natalie Manwaring - Best of Show/1st Place
Jacob Kuhlman - Great River Watercolor Society Award
Morgan Pflantz - Merit Award

PTA Reflections Contest

Abigail Kemp—1st Place Illinois
Her watercolor moves to nationals in Orlando, FL

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FOR RENT—spacious, centrally located lower level apartment available in June. 430 N. 18th, Quincy. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, garage plus off street parking, free access laundry room, maintenance free yard. \$650/month with 1 year lease. No smoking and no pets. Call Janet 217.257.0581 if interested or with any questions.

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RIDE TO CURE DIABETES

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2016 - 9:00 am
Harrison HyVee Parking Lot.

8 am registration

10/15 mile bike ride or 1 hour walk/run
through South Park.

*HyVee will be grilling out food for
all participants.*

All proceeds donated to JDRF

Contact Rose Clements
224-0442

or Steve Labs 228-1060
for more information.



In other action, the Board approved:

- Purchase of AP Edition *Government in America* textbooks.
- Working Cash Fund transfer (loan) to Social Security Fund in the amount of \$360,000 to be repaid once tax levy revenues are received.
- Resolution on Presentation of Tentative Amended 2015-2016 WCR and QAVTC Budgets.
- Last day of school for students—**Wednesday, May 25** and last day for staff—**Thursday, May 26**