



Quincy Public Schools UPDATE

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Newsletter

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SUPERINTENDENT BOARD MEETING UPDATE

Superintendent McGuire shared appreciation for the warm welcome during his first four weeks in the district.

The Board recently approved **Mrs. Christina Meyer** as the incoming **Academy Director for the 2026–27 school year**. Mrs. Meyer currently serves as a Dean at Quincy Senior High School and previously taught English at QHS and served as an Athletic Director in another district. She holds a master's degree in educational leadership and will complete cross-training during the second semester. The superintendent noted that replacing strong leadership is never easy and shared that Ms. Wells' retirement will be celebrated at the end of the school year.

Mr. McGuire discussed recent **weather-related decisions**, noting his growing understanding of the complexity of district busing operations. He emphasized the district's philosophy of keeping schools open when possible, as school is often the safest place for students. He explained that recent cancellations, including one due to extreme weather and another due to a power outage at Rooney Elementary, were made out of an abundance of caution to ensure student safety. Families were promptly notified, and transportation staff confirmed students were not left waiting.

An update was shared on the first **Quincy Together** community engagement workshop, which attracted approximately 150 participants. District leadership provided an overview of the process, followed by small-group discussions that allowed attendees to share feedback and perspectives. Input gathered from the workshop will be reviewed and used to inform future engagement sessions.

The next community workshop is scheduled for **February 24**, with additional details available at quincytogther.org. Thank you to board members and staff--particularly Rachael Petty and Damian Dodd, for their leadership and facilitation of this important work.

Upcoming Quincy Together Community Engagement Workshops:

- **Tuesday, February 24, 2026** | 5:30–7:30 p.m. | Quincy High School
- **Tuesday, March 24, 2026** | 5:30–7:30 p.m. | Quincy High School
- **Tuesday, April 21, 2026** | 5:30–7:30 p.m. | Quincy High School
- **Tuesday, May 19, 2026** | 5:30–7:30 p.m. | Quincy High School

PERSONNEL

Appointments

PETER BARBRE – SPECIAL ED – QJHS 01/26/26
BRITTANY BLEICHNER-TITLE 1 EXT. DAY TEACHER-DENMAN 01/13/26
TIFFANY BREWER –TITLE 1 EXT. DAY TEACHER – DENMAN 01/13/26
MARY BROCKSIECK – BUS MONITOR – TRANSPORTATION 01/06/26
AARON BURKE – BUS MONITOR – TRANSPORTATION 01/06/26
SHEA COYLE – 3RD GRADE – LINCOLN-DOUGLAS 01/12/26
AUSTIN GAINES – 260 DAY NIGHT CUSTODIAN – ECFC 12/17/25
INDIA GREEN – HEAD VOLLEYBALL COACH – QJHS 2025-26
HAYLEY HARVEY –TITLE 1 EXT. DAY TEACHER – LINCOLN-DOUGLAS 12/17/25
ALEXIS HAUGHEY – ISS SUPERVISOR – LINCOLN-DOUGLAS 01/26/26
JOHN HOFFMAN – ENGLISH – QHS 01/05/26
ASHLEY LANDES – PARA – ECFC 01/05/26
JANSEN LAWSON – ASST. BASEBALL COACH - QHS 12/12/25
AMANDA MCCAUSSLIN – CERTIFIED NURSE – QHS 01/12/26
HILARY MORRISS –TITLE 1 EXT. DAY TEACHER – DENMAN 01/13/26
MACKENZIE PETERS – POSITION TBD 2026-27
FINLEY PETTY – PE – QJHS 01/05/26
RICHARD PUGH – BALDWIN PRINCIPAL 07/01/26
MORIAH PUGH – SSFL – ROONEY 01/08/26
FRANCES REINHARD-TITLE 1 EXT. DAY TEACHER – DENMAN 01/13/26
TIFFANY SHANNON – SECRETARY – ILES 01/05/26
KIMBERLY STRATMAN – EC SPECIAL ED – ECFC 01/08/26
JAYDON SUMMY – ASST. WRESTLING COACH 01/12/26
ANDREW TOPEL – ADAPTIVE ASST. TRACK COACH 01/20/26
ALEA VANDEVELDE – MS ELA - QJHS 2026-27
MICHAELA VEIHL –TITLE 1 EXT. DAY TEACHER – DENMAN 01/13/26
ALYVIA WAGNER – POSITION TBD 2026-27
NATALIE WIEMELT – ATTENDANCE SECRETARY – QHS 01/05/26
CARRIE WYATT – SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER - DISTRICT 2026-27

Resignations

JENNIFER BAHENA – PARA – ECFC 01/20/26
MICHAEL BARAJAS – PARA – ROONEY 12/19/25
ANNA KAMMERER – AFTER SCHOOL CHILDCARE ASST-ROONEY 01/26/26
CLAIRE KEARSE – SECRETARY – QJHS 01/07/26
NOVA NOWAK – MATH TEACHER - QJHS 12/19/25
RYAN REIS – SSFL – ACYH 01/23/26
ASHLEY VANCAMP – COUNSELOR – QHS END OF 2025-26 SCH. YEAR
MAISHA WADE – ADAPTIVE ASST. TRACK COACH 01/13/26

In other action, the Board approved:

- * Licensed and Educational Support Staff Seniority Lists
- * Spring Food and Non-Food Bid submitted by Kohl Wholesale in the amount of \$602,884.48
- * 2026-2027 Calendar
- * Resolution Providing for the Issue and Sale of Not to Exceed \$40,000,000 of Life Safety and Refunding Bonds of the District and for the Levy of Taxes to Pay the Bonds

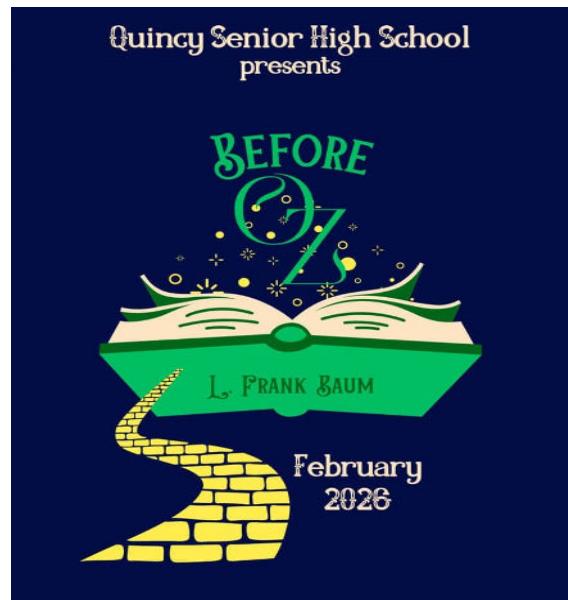
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Before Dorothy can visit the land of Oz, one tight-knit family must embark on an adventure across America to discover it for themselves. L. Frank Baum's spirited wife Maud recounts times of both laughter and tears on their journey together, as all the unique people they meet along the way inspire the magical characters Frank will bring to life in The Wonderful Wizard of Oz. As Maud reveals the man behind the curtain as the storyteller he is destined to become, the fantastical world of Oz is brought to life for audiences of all ages in this enchanting, heartfelt drama. This drama will run on February 12, 13, and 14 at 7:00 at the QHS Theater! Buy tickets online or at the door!



Friday, February 13—Parent/Teacher Conferences 1/2 Day for Students

**Monday, February 16—Presidents' Day
NO SCHOOL**

The Board approved the following school calendar for 2026-2027.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2026-2027

Wednesday, August 12	Teacher Institute
Thursday, August 13	Teacher Institute
Friday, August 14	First Student Day for Kindergarten, 6 th & 9 th Grades
Monday, August 17	First Student Day for All Students
Monday, September 7	No School—Labor Day
Friday, October 9	½ Day School—1/2 Day School Improvement
Monday, October 12	No School—Columbus Day
Thursday, October 29	1/2 Day School—Parent/Teacher Conference
Friday, October 30	No School—Parent/Teacher Conference
Wednesday, November 25	No School—Thanksgiving Break
Thursday, November 26	No School—Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 27	No School—Thanksgiving Break
Monday, December 21-Friday, January 1	No School—Winter Break
Monday, January 4	Teacher Institute
Tuesday, January 5	School Resumes for Students
Monday, January 18	No School—Martin Luther King Day
Friday, February 12	1/2 Day School—Parent/Teacher Conference
Monday, February 15	No School—Presidents' Day
Friday, March 26 – Friday, April 2	No School—Easter Break
Friday, May 28	½ Day School-1/2 Day School Improvement
Friday, May 28	Last Day for Students
Monday, May 31	No School—Memorial Day
Tuesday, June 1	Teacher Institute

***If no emergency days are used, students' last attendance day could be May 21 and Teacher Institute Day would be May 24.

REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION DATES

GRADE K-5 TRIMESTER			
TRI-MESTER	ENDS	DAYS	DISTRIBUTION
1 st	10/16/26	44	10/29/26 & 10/30/26
2 nd	02/05/27	65	02/13/27
3 rd	05/28/27	68	06/01/27-06/04/27

GRADE 6-8 QUARTER			
QUARTER	ENDS	DAYS	DISTRIBUTION
1 st	10/16/26	44	10/29/26 & 10/30/26
2 nd	12/18/26	42	01/08/27
3 rd	03/12/27	47	03/21/27
4 th	05/28/27	44	06/01/27-06/04/27

GRADE 9-12 SEMESTER			
SEMESTER	ENDS	DAYS	DISTRIBUTION
1 st	12/18/26	86	01/08/27
2 nd	05/28/27	91	06/01/27-06/04/27