



# UPDATE

Quincy Public  
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Newsletter

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## SUPERINTENDENT BOARD MEETING UPDATE

The Board of Education is pleased to officially welcome **Mr. Richard Pugh** as the new Principal of Baldwin School. While this is a new leadership role, Mr. Pugh is certainly not new to Quincy Public Schools. He previously served as an administrator at Adams and Iles Elementary Schools before continuing his administrative career with Hannibal Public Schools.

Prior to his work in school administration, Mr. Pugh served as a Behavior Interventionist in Hannibal, Associate Director of Student Services at Chaddock, and an Associate Faculty Member at John Wood Community College. He also brings extensive experience in a variety of teaching and student support roles. Mr. Pugh holds a master's degree and is currently completing his doctorate. He has already begun engaging with the Baldwin school community by shadowing Mr. Sohn, meeting with staff, and preparing for a smooth transition this spring.

As we welcome Mr. Pugh, we also recognize Mr. Sohn for his dedicated leadership and the meaningful legacy he leaves at Baldwin. He will certainly be missed, and we look forward to celebrating his retirement at the conclusion of the school year. Congratulations to Mr. Sohn, and welcome back to QPS, Mr. Pugh.

### **Community Engagement Update**

Our second Community Engagement Workshop welcomed 76 participants, including parents, staff, and community members, with a strong mix of both returning and new attendees. Across the first two workshops, we have engaged 149 community members, demonstrating meaningful community involvement in the future of QPS.

The discussion was thoughtful and productive, with participants sharing ideas and hearing directly from district staff about current opportunities and challenges. This session focused primarily on staffing, and we are carefully reviewing all feedback received.

Our next workshop will be held on **March 24 from 5:30–7:30 p.m.** (doors open at 5:00 p.m. for a light dinner). The topic will be **“Helping Every Student Succeed,”** with a greater focus on the student experience. We appreciate the continued partnership of our families, staff, and community members as we work together to strengthen Quincy Public Schools.

## PERSONNEL

### Appointments/Change in Assignment

GABRIELLA BOWEN – BUS MONITOR – TRANSP.. 01/27/26

SARA BROWN – PARA – LINCOLN-DOUGLAS 02/03/26

ELIZABETH CEPEDA – COUNSELOR – QHS 2026-27

MARY CHRISTNER – CLASSIFIED NURSE – BALDWIN 02/03/26

CHANDRA CRAWFORD – INSTRUCTIONAL COACH – ROONEY  
2026-27

KAITLYN DEDERT – PARA - ROONEY 01/12/26

FLORENCE DEE FLEMING – TRANSP.ITIONAL KDG. – ECFC  
2026-27

KAYLA DYER – ASST. VOLLEYBALL COACH - QHS 2025-26

ADDIE FORD – PREK TEACHER – ECFC 2026-27

KOLBY GLASGOW – 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE – ROONEY 2026-27

MICHELLE GRASSMUCK – MID-DAY BUS MONITOR - TRANSP.  
01/23/26

MAYELA HERNANDEZ – PARA – QJHS 02/12/26

BRIGHAM JOHN – SSFL – ACHY 2026-27

JESSICA KOSCIELSKI – TRANS. KDG. COORD. – ECFC 2026-27

BRANDI MANY – DEAN – QHS 2026-27

BRENNEN MOORE – SECONDARY MATH TEACHER – QHS 2026-  
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APRIL MOORE, AFTER SCHOOL CHILDCARE ASST. – ROONEY  
02/02/26

BRITTNEY MYERS – SECURITY GUARD - BALDWIN 02/02/26

JEFFREY NIFFEN – LIBRARY/MEDIA SECRETARY – QHS 02/11/26

BREANNE PATTERSON – 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE – ROONEY 2026-27

EMILY STOLLBERG – TUTORING CENTER SCIENCE TEACHER -  
QHS 02/09/26

JENNA VANDAVEER – FAMILY SUPPORT SPECIALIST - ECFC  
01/05/26

### Resignations (End of 2025-26 unless otherwise noted)

KEVIN BROWN – SECURITY GUARD – QAVTC 03/04/26

RHIANNON DIEKER – ELA TEACHER/STUDENT COUNCIL SPON-  
SOR – QJHS 03/13/26

MEGHAN GERTZ – SPECIAL ED TEACHER - BALDWIN

MARY GREWELL – KIDG. TEACHER – LINCOLN-DOUGLAS

ELIZABETH KOCH – PARA – QHS 02-19-26

TONI RADEL – MUSIC TEACHER – ROONEY

CHEYENNE RIGG – PARA – LINCOLN-DOUGLAS 01/29/26

MICHAEL TIMMONS – SECURITY GUARD – QJHS 02/27/26



## Quincy Public Schools

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Retirements will be  
listed in the  
May 2026 UPDATE



No School  
March 30-  
April 6



### In other action, the Board approved:

- Annual Grants/Allocations
- Discipline Improvement Plan
- Electric Bid for QHS
- Resolution Approving the Sale of the District's General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2026
- Lease for Three Vans from Enterprise