

UPDATE

Quincy Public
Schools
Newsletter

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SUPERINTENDENT BOARD MEETING UPDATE

Retirement Recognitions

The Board honored Marcey Wells and Jim Sohn by presenting them with flags that were flown over their respective buildings.

- **Marcey Wells** (Director of the Academy) Marcey began her career in 1994 as a special education teacher at Washington Elementary and went on to serve in key leadership roles, most recently as Director of the Academy. She is known for her compassion, collaborative spirit, and unwavering belief in students' potential. Marcey's leadership helped strengthen alternative education programming and positively impacted countless students, families, and colleagues. We wish her all the best as she enjoys time with family and begins this next chapter.
- **Jim Sohn** (Principal, Baldwin Elementary) Jim's QPS journey began in 1998 as a 6th grade teacher at Baldwin and came full circle as principal of the same school. Known for his steady leadership, people-first approach, and strong relationships, Jim fostered a supportive and joyful school culture. His impact on students, staff, and the Baldwin community will be long-lasting. We wish him happiness in retirement, including time with his family and new grandchildren.

The Board also acknowledged **additional retirees** across the district, noting the significant loss of experience and expressing deep appreciation for their many years of service to QPS students.

Community Engagement Update – Quincy Together

The final workshop in the Quincy Together community engagement series has been completed. Input gathered over five sessions is being refined into recommendations that will be presented to the Board next month. Appreciation was expressed to staff presenters, volunteer facilitators, community chairs, and board representatives for their dedication and contributions to this process.

In other action, the Board approved:

- Resolutions on Tentative Amended Budgets for Special Education Association, West Central Region, Quincy Area Vocational Technical Center, and the District for 2025-2026. Hearing date is June 24, 2026
- Increase in Meal Lunch Prices (K-5 \$3.15, 6-12 \$3.40 and Adult \$3.90)
- Bid for Summer Food Service Meal Kits to Optimum Foods \$626,810.00
- Fuel Escalating Bid to Energy Petroleum \$384,652.50
- Bid for Roof top Unit and Boiler Replacement at ECFC to Peters Heating & Air Conditioning \$1,129,000.00



2025-2026 RETIREES

Altmix, Greg	QJHS	Teacher	End of 2025-26
Anders, Tim	Iles	Custodian	June 2, 2026
Benz, Sheila	Denman	Nurse	July 1, 2026
Calvin, Traci	QHS	Para	February 27, 2026
Carter, Cynthia	ECFC	Para	June 25, 2026
Christ, Diana	Transp.	Bus Monitor	July 31, 2025
Clark, Jarod	QJHS	Teacher	End of 2025-26
Davis, Tammy	ECFC	Para	June 30, 2026
Dean, Jennifer	QHS	Para	End of 2025-26
Druffel, Helen (Mick)	ECFC	Cafeteria Cook	June 1, 2026
Foley, Sherri	ECFC	Family Support Specialist	End of 2025-26
Havermale, Pamela	Denman	Teacher	End of 2025-26
Haxel, Vickey	Iles	Para	April 2, 2026
Johannes, Kimberly	Rooney	Teacher	End of 2025-26
Leenerts, Julie	Iles	Secretary	June 30, 2025
Mapes, Theresa	QHS	Teacher	End of 2025-26
Miller, Sarah	Rooney	Teacher	End of 2025-26
Murphy, Barbara	Transp.	Bus Monitor	January 30, 2026
Rees, Brenda	QJHS	Teacher	June 1, 2026
Ridder, Vicki	Denman	Secretary	End of 2025-26
Royston, Ruth	Lincoln-Douglas	Custodian	January 2, 2026
Schutte, Beth	ECFC	Teacher	End of 2025-26
Shaw, Johanna	Transp.	Driver	End of 2025-26
Shelor, Paul	QHS	Teacher	End of 2025-26
Shepherd, Stacey	QHS	Secretary	January 30, 2026
Siebers, Ruth	Lincoln-Douglas	Nurse	End of 2025-26
Sohn, Jim	Baldwin	Principal	June 30, 2026
Sprick, Polly	Baldwin	Teacher	End of 2025-26
Stegeman, Tammy	Baldwin	Academic Leader	June 30, 2026
Valeu, Amy	Iles	Teacher	End of 2025-26
Vandament, Brenda	Rooney	Teacher	End of 2025-26
Wells, Marcey	Academy	Director	June 30, 2026

PERSONNEL

Appointments/Change in Assignment (26-27 School Year unless otherwise noted)

JENNIFER ALLEN - 5TH GR ACCELERATED, ROONEY
MIKE ARMSTRONG – DRIVER 05/06/2026
KARISSA ATKINSON- 5TH GR SPED CO-TEACHER - DENMAN
BROOKE BALDWIN- 3-5 RESOURCE TEACHER, ROONEY
SARA BANGE- PARAEDUCATOR, ECFC
TINA BIRCK- SPECIAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR, QJHS
CAROLINE BLACH- HEAD POM COACH - QHS
KATE BRAITHWAITE- 5TH GR CO-TEACHER, DENMAN
TRACY BROEKER – DRIVER 04/30/2026
MATT BUHR- INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC (BAND) TEACHER 6-12
SUZANNE CASSENS- PARA, ECFC
TABITHA COTTRELL- HEAD START - ECFC
DEANDRA FOCHT- SPED HEAD START TEACHER, ECFC
BETH HAMMER – SPECIAL ED AUTISM TEACHER -BALDWIN 05/05/2026
ELLIE HAYDEN – FAMILY SUPPORT SPECIALIST - ECFC
HANNAH HIGHTOWER- SSFL - ROONEY
CHRISTOPHER HOLTSCHLAG - ASST. VARSITY FOOTBALL COACH – QHS
COURTNEY JOHNSON- INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC (BAND) TEACHER 6-12, QHS
FRANK KAHS – MID-DAY CUSTODIAN - LINCOLN DOUGLAS 04/23/2026
GLORIA KIRBY- PE TEACHER, QHS
HEATHER LAIR- PRE-K SPED TEACHER, ECFC
DR. LARRY GRAY - SUPERINTENDENT
MELANIE LASH – CAFETERIA COORDINATOR – DENMAN 05/18/2026
AMY LEEBOLD- SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER, ACJDC
BRADLEY LONGCOR- VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL ASST HEAD COACH – QHS
SALLY MARKERT- ACADEMIC LEADER, LINCOLN DOUGLAS
NANCY MCGRAW- PRE-K, ECFC
LUKE METTEMEYER- PE TEACHER - BALDWIN
ABIGAIL OAKLEY- ELA TEACHER, QJHS
APRIL OBERLY - 3RD GR TEACHER - DENMAN
JEFFREY PATTERSON- SPECIAL EDUCATION AUTISM TEACHER - BALDWIN
GABRIELLE PRATT- HEAD START SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER, ECFC
ALEX REED – DAY CUSTODIAN – ILES – 260 DAYS 04/23/2026
ARYANNA SADE- MATH, QJHS
MONICA SCHOLZ- ASSISTANT CHORAL TEACHER 6-12, QHS
KYLE SNIDER- BOYS AND GIRLS HEAD GOLF COACH- QJHS
SHAWN SPARROW- BUILDING MANAGER, ECFC
JUDY STEINKAMP – RIDER 05/04/2026
KATRINA TYLER- HEAD START TEACHER, ECFC
JASMINE VAHECKE- PARAEDUCATOR- ECFC
AMANDA WOLLBRINK- K-2 CROSS-CAT, DENMAN

Resignations (end of 2025-2026 unless otherwise noted)

JULIE ALLEN- KINDERGARTEN TEACHER– ROONEY 07/01/2026
BRAD BERGMAN- SSFL– DENMAN 05/26/2026
BRAD BERGMAN- VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL ASST HEAD COACH – QHS
05/26/2026
KERI BERGMAN- 1ST GR– DENMAN 05/26/2026
BRUCE BONNESS- BOYS' ASSISTANT GOLF COACH 04/30/2026
SCOTTIE CHATFIELD- SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER– QJHS
JAELYN EHRHARDT- 1ST GR TEACHER– ROONEY
STEPHANIE ENSINGER – PARA - ROONEY 05/08/2026
KIM HEILWAGEN- ELA TEACHER– QJHS 05/26/2026
CASSIE HINKAMPER- PARA, ECFC 05/20/2026

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JIM HOLTMAN – RIFLE TEAM ASST COACH – QHS
05/01/2026
DANIEL LEFLER- SCIENCE TEACHER & ACL – QHS 05/26/2026
LISA MARGHERIO- STUDY HALL SUPERVISOR, QHS
ABIGAIL REICHERT- 2ND GR– ROONEY 06/30/2026
TERRY SCHWARTZ- TRANSPORTATION, DRIVER 04/21/2026
SABRINA THOMAS- TRANSPORTATION, RIDER 04/24/2026
JESSICA THORSEN- 5TH GR ACCELERATED TEACHER– ILES
RICK THURMAN- TRANSPORTATION, DRIVER 04/24/2026
JUSTIN TRAMMEL- CUSTODIAN – JUNIOR HIGH 05/07/2026
ANDY WAGGONER- EDGEMUNITY TEACHER - ACADEMY
CHRISTOPHER WILKES- CUSTODIAN - QJHS 04/30/2026

☐ \$1,100 – 2 Bed Duplex (ALL Utilities Included!) ☐

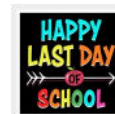
This two-bedroom, one-bath duplex is available for \$1,100 per month, with all utilities included, offering huge savings. The home features a quiet back porch and is within walking distance to TCBY, Gem City, and State Street Bar & Grill. It is clean, simple, and ready to move in, making it perfect for anyone looking for a low-hassle place with everything included. The deposit is \$1,100. This won't last long—call or text (217) 653-5299 with any questions.

New duplex available at 1313 Elm St. This property features 2 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, with appliances included, including a washer and dryer. The home is equipped with security cameras and offers covered private parking. Rent is \$1,150 per month, and no pets are allowed. For more information, call (217) 242-0662.

Monday, May 25



Friday, May 22—Students' Final Day



Tuesday, May 26—
Teacher Institute