



Quincy Public Schools

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Newsletter

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SUPER'S 8 DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

1. **Summer Singers Camp** – Our QPS Music Department's Summer Singers Camp had a special guest this month — Tony-nominated, Grammy Award-winning Broadway star, Elizabeth Stanley. She joined the campers via Zoom, answered their questions, shared memories of her first solo on the Quincy Community Theatre stage, and even sang for them. What an incredible experience for our students!
2. **QJHS Sundial Restoration** – A fantastic collaboration took place at Quincy Junior High. The 8th Grade Student Council, led by Mr. Owsley and supported by community partners, restored the school's historic sundial, originally a gift from the Ojibwe Club in the 1930s. It had been missing for years due to vandalism, and now it's proudly back where it belongs.
3. **Personnel Department Initiatives** – Our Personnel team has been busy this summer, hosting sessions for those interested in becoming teachers through our Teacher Resident Program and our Teacher Retiree Return-to-Work Program. These efforts aim to build our future workforce and support classroom stability during this time of teacher shortages.
4. **Summer School Wrap-Up** – This Friday marks the final day of summer school at Denman, QJHS, and QHS. Students across the district have been hard at work, striving to reach their academic goals and making the most of the summer learning opportunities.
5. **QJHS Summer Fuel Academy Showcase** – Tomorrow, students from the QJHS Summer Fuel Academy will be presenting slideshows summarizing their projects from this year's exciting themes: eco explorers, game designers, young entrepreneurs, and arts alive. Their creativity and innovation have been impressive!
6. **New Teacher Mentor Training** – Marilyn Smith has been leading training sessions this week for our experienced teachers participating in the New Teacher Mentor Program. These veteran educators are preparing to support incoming staff as they transition into QPS classrooms.
7. **FFA State Convention** – Eleven of our Quincy High School FFA students attended the 97th Annual Illinois FFA State Convention this month. They connected with peers from across the state, representing QPS with pride and enthusiasm.
8. **QHS Youth Athletic Camps** – Our high school athletic programs have been hosting a variety of youth camps this summer. Highlights included the football camp's end zone dance contest and volleyball's always-popular crazy sock day! It's been a great way for young athletes to connect with QHS coaches and have fun while learning.

Dr. Todd Pettit
Superintendent



SPRING 2025 STATE QUALIFIERS RECOGNITION

Congratulations to the QHS IHSA Spring State Qualifiers. The Boys Tennis team is coached by Head Coach Mike Terry, with Assistant Coaches Jim Terry, Rob Hernandez, and Brian Holzgrafe. The state qualifiers in doubles were Ethan Stark, Surya Reddy, Kael Holzgrafe, and Drake Dodd.

The Girls Track & Field team is led by Head Coach Laura McClelland, with Assistant Coaches Tony Agrimonti, Ricci Dula, Tyrin Holder, Matt McClelland, and Maisha Wade. State qualifiers and their events included Peyton Kuhl in the 800 meter, Anna Venvertloh in the 400 meter, and Sasha Betz in the wheelchair 100, 200, and 400 meter races. The 4x800 relay team, which also qualified for state, consisted of Peyton Kuhl, Amick McClelland, Danielle Vargas, and Anna Venvertloh.

PERSONNEL

Appointments/Change in Assignment (2025-2026 unless otherwise noted)

HAILEY ALVIS - ASST. VOLLEYBALL COACH – QHS
BRENNAN ANKRUM - ASST. VOLLEYBALL COACH – QHS
NICOLE BALE – SOCIAL STUDIES
KALA BREDER - PART-TIME CASE MANAGER – QJHS
CHRISTIAN CALEY - NIGHT CUSTODIAN - BALDWIN 06/02/2025
SUZANNE CASSENS – PARA - ILES
GARRETT CATRON – SPECIAL ED CROSS CAT - QJHS
JACOB CHURCH – DISTRICT GROUNDSKEEPER 06/16/2025
MELISSA CUNNINGHAM – PARA - ECFC
GAYANNE DAUGHTERY – PARA - ILES
KAITLYN DEDERT – PARA - ECFC
RHIANNON DIEKER – FOCUSED ELA - QJHS
JENNA DIETRICH – SPEECH PATH - QJHS
KAYLA (MAST) DYER - ASST. VOLLEYBALL COACH – QHS
EMILY DOZIER – SOCIAL STUDIES-GEOGRAPHY - QJHS
JADE FLESNER – CLINICAL INSTRUCTOR - QAVTC
TONY GRAWE – HISTORY - QHS
MEGAN GRIFFARD – ELA - QJHS
MICHAEL HALL – PARA - QHS
ANJAY HEINECKE – KEY CLUB SPONSOR – QHS
ANJAY HEINECKE – HEAD SOFTBALL COACH – QHS
HANNAH HIGHTOWER – ISS SUPERVISOR - ROONEY
ADORA HUDDLESON – SOCIAL STUDIES-GEOGRAPHY - QJHS
ROBYN ISEMINER – SPECIAL ED RESOURCE- LINCOLN-DOUGLAS
MACKENZIE KAMMERER – ERESA COORDINATOR - ECFC
LAURA KELLE – TEACHER - QHS SUMMER SCHOOL
TOM KENNEDY – SECURITY GUARD - BOE/ACRSS
TOM KILLDAY – SECURITY GUARD – QJHS 08/11/2025
GENEVA KINDHART – HEAD START TEACHER,
ALEXIS KLINNER - HEAD RIFLE COACH – QHS
TIFFANY KYER – PARA - QJHS
BOB LANDRUM - PART-TIME CASE MANAGER – QJHS
PAUL LANDSOM – K-2 SPECIAL ED RESOURCE, ROONEY
KORTNEY MACDONOUGH – PARA, DENMAN
LISA MARGHERO – STUDY HALL SUPERVISOR - QHS
ALY MARSHALL – CAFETERIA COOK – QJHS SUMMER SCHOOL
MADISON MEYER -GSA SPONSOR – QHS
RANDOLPH MORCUM – CROSSING GUARD - DISTRICT
DONNIE PETERS - ASST. VARSITY WRESTLING COACH - QHS
DANIELLE SCHLOSSER – CAFETERIA COOK – DENMAN SUMMER SCHOOL
MORGANNE SHARROW – 4TH GRADE - ILES
JENNIFER SMITH – TEACHER - QHS SUMMER SCHOOL
SAM SMITH - HEAD WRESTLING COACH – QJHS
TIFFANY SPECHT – 4TH SPECIAL ED CO-TEACHER - BALDWIN
HEATHER STAFFORD – PARA - QHS
JENNIFER TAYLOR-BELL – SPECIAL ED CROSS CAT - QHS
MIKE TIMMONS – SECURITY GUARD - ROONEY 08/11/2025
SHASHA TURNER – 5TH SPECIAL ED CO-TEACHER - ILES
LYDIA VEITH – PARA - ECFC
GARY VIAR – SCHOOL BUS DRIVER - TRANSPORTATION 08/11/2025
MELANIE WINGERTER – PARA - BALDWIN
DARYL ZESSIN - HEAD FRESHMAN WRESTLING COACH - QHS

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Resignations (end of 2024-2025 unless otherwise noted)

ANDRIA BALL – MUSIC TEACHER – ROONEY 06/04/2025
KELLY CURRAN – KEY CLUB SPONSOR – QHS
TYLER DUSCHINSKY – SPECIAL ED TEACHER – QJHS
TERRY HILL – SECURITY GUARD – ROONEY 05/29/2025
MELISSA HOENER – TEACHER – QHS 05/31/2025
CRYSTAL JOHNSON– SPECIAL ED PREK TEACHER – ECFC
LEANNE JONES – SPECIAL ED RESOURCE TEACHER – ROONEY
JOEVANNY MARQUEZ – ASST. WRESTLING COACH
05/19/2025
PATRICIA MCGOETHLIN – PT SPECIAL ED CASE MANAGER – DISTRICT 05/30/2025
KAILEY RECKERS – HEAD 7TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL COACH – QJHS 05/30/2025
CAREN RICHIE - ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ASST.(PART-TIME) – BOE 06/05/2025
DIANA SAVOIA – COOK - BALDWIN 05/23/2025
LISA SCHUCKMAN – ASST. 7TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL COACH – QJHS 05/22/2025
SCOTT SHACKLETON – CROSSING GUARD – DISTRICT 05/29/2025
SAM SMITH – ASST. WRESTLING COACH – QJHS 05/28/2025
MEGAN SOHN – FAMILY SUPPORT SPECIALIST – ECFC 06/30/2025
HEATHER STAFFORD – SPECIAL ED TEACHER – QHS
DARYL ZESSIN – HEAD WRESTLING COACH – QJHS 05/21/2025

In other action, the Board approved:

- ◇ Amended Budgets for Special Education Association, West Central Region, Quincy Area Vocational Technical Center, and the District for 2024-2025
- ◇ Hazardous Busing Resolution
- ◇ Physician Indemnification Letter
- ◇ 2025-2026 School Board Meeting Calendar
- ◇ 2025-2026 School Handbooks
- ◇ 2nd, 3rd, & 5th Grade New Report Cards
- ◇ 2025-2026 District Improvement Plan
- ◇ Policy Updates from PRESS
- ◇ Non-Union/ Admin. Salary Increases
- ◇ Escalating Fuel Bid from Niemann Foods for \$220,983.00
- ◇ Increase of Meal Prices: Lunch—K-5 \$3.05, 6-12 \$3.30, Adults \$3.80 and Increase in Breakfast for Full Pay to \$1.75 and Milk Increase to .50cents
- ◇ Increased Substitute Pay Rates