



Quincy Public Schools UPDATE

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Schools
Newsletter

Issue No. 6

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SUPER'S 8 DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

- 1) Thanks to sub-zero temperatures and ice, I called my first snow day as superintendent.
- 2) Huge thank you to the building and grounds crew led by Ryan Clair for putting in early morning hours and doing a fantastic job of taking care of each of our buildings on the crazy weather days.
- 3) The students in QHS Theatre Department are heading into their final weeks of rehearsal for the historical drama, Rosie the Riveter. Show dates re February 8, 9, and 10 at 7:00 p.m. on the Quincy Senior High Schools stage.
- 4) Students across the district are finishing up MAP testing. Standardized tests are just one of many metrics we use to monitor students' academic progress throughout the year.
- 5) The QJHS Comets are on quite the streak (pun intended)! The wrestling team took home the championship at the Jacksonville Invitational, the girls volleyball team was in the top spot at the Edwardsville Invitational Championship and the QJHS 7th grade boys team made it to the IESA Regional Championship, falling in a nail-biter 31-33.
- 6) Students in Mrs. Redd's class at the Early Childhood and Family Center took a field trip to the Tri-Township Fire Station. Not only did they learn about fire safety, but they toured the station and even got to sit in the firetruck!
- 7) After crunching some numbers, the Flex Program at QHS is yielding commendable results. In addition to academic gains across the board, the number of classes missed by the program's 64 currently enrolled students is down more than 50% over this time last year.
- 8) Lisa Otten and the HR Department hosted a Support Staff Career Fair this week where job candidates could view open positions, talk with department heads, and fill out applications. Twenty high-quality candidates attended the fair.



SPOTLIGHT ON QAVTC

Director Evie Morrison shared a PowerPoint presentation showcasing the hands-on learning opportunities available to eleven area Adams and Pike County school districts including Quincy Notre Dame. QAVTC offers skill-based courses for area high school juniors and seniors and introductory courses to all QHS students. Enrollment for the 23-24 school year includes 477 students in skill-based courses and 516 QHS students in introductory courses. These courses not only provide hands-on authentic technical skills, but also essential employability skills.

Dr. Todd Pettit

Superintendent

The Board approved the following school calendar for 2024-2025.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2024-2025

Monday, August 12.....	Teacher Institute
Tuesday, August 13.....	Teacher Institute
Wednesday, August 14.....	First Student Day
Monday, September 2.....	No School—Labor Day
Friday, October 11.....	½ Day School—1/2 Day School Improvement
Monday, October 14.....	No School—Columbus Day
Friday, November 1.....	1/2 Day School—Parent/Teacher Conference
Monday, November 4.....	No School—Parent/Teacher Conference
Tuesday, November 5.....	No School—Election Day
Wednesday, November 27.....	No School—Thanksgiving Break
Thursday, November 28.....	No School—Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 29.....	No School—Thanksgiving Break
Monday, December 23-Friday, January 3.....	No School—Winter Break
Monday, January 6.....	Teacher Institute
Tuesday, January 7.....	School Resumes for Students
Monday, January 20.....	No School—Martin Luther King Day
Friday, February 14.....	1/2 Day School—Parent/Teacher Conference
Monday, February 17.....	No School—Presidents' Day
Thursday, March 13 – Monday, March 17.....	No School—Spring Break
Friday, April 18 - Monday, April 21.....	No School—Easter Break
Wednesday, May 21.....	½ Day School—1/2 Day School Improvement & Last Day for Students (if no emergency days)
Thursday, May 22.....	Teacher Institute (if no emergency days)
Monday, May 26.....	No School—Memorial Day
Friday, May 23-Friday, May 30.....	Proposed Emergency Days

REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION DATES

GRADE K-5 TRIMESTER			
TRIMESTER	ENDS	DAYS	DISTRIBUTION
1 st	10/18/24	46	11/01/24 & 11/04/24
2 nd	02/07/25	65	02/14/25
3 rd	05/30/25	66	06/02/25-06/06/25
GRADE 6-8 QUARTER			
QUARTER	ENDS	DAYS	DISTRIBUTION
1 st	10/18/24	46	11/01/24 & 11/04/24
2 nd	12/20/24	41	01/10/25
3 rd	03/11/25	45	03/21/25
4 th	05/30/25	45	06/02/25-06/06/25
GRADE 9-12 SEMESTER			
SEMESTER	ENDS	DAYS	DISTRIBUTION
1 st	12/20/24	87	01/10/25
2 nd	05/30/25	90	06/02/25-06/06/25

PERSONNEL

Appointments

JULIE ALLEN – TITLE 1 EXTENDED DAY/ROONEY
LINDA BARTA – PARA/LINCOLN-DOUGLAS
HARRISON FEY – ASST. BASEBALL COACH/QHS
MEGAN GANNINGER – SPECIAL ED TEACHER/BALDWIN
KIM GRIGGS – RIDER/TRANSPORTATION
KATHERINE HOGGE – 3RD GR SP ED CO-TEACHER/DENMAN
EVELYN HOLLANDER – ISS SUPERVISOR/ROONEY
HEATHER HUMPHREY - TITLE 1 EXTENDED DAY/ROONEY
BETH IZZO - TITLE 1 EXTENDED DAY/ROONEY
ALEXIS JONES – NIGHT CUSTODIAN/QJHS
ALEXIS KROW - TITLE 1 EXTENDED DAY/ROONEY
SHARON LEHMAN – PARA/ROONEY
NANCY LEWIS – KITCHEN HELPER/LINCOLN-DOUGLAS
RICK LITTLE – ASST. VARSITY BASEBALL COACH/QHS
MARK OHNEMUS – DRIVER/TRANSPORTATION
KIM REES – COOK/QJHS
KRISTEN RIZZO – TR-- MATH TEACHER/QHS
TONYA RODEMICH - TITLE 1 EXTENDED DAY/ROONEY
MATT SAFLEY - PE TEACHER/ROONEY 24-25 SCHOOL YEAR
AMY SLOUGH - TITLE 1 EXTENDED DAY/ROONEY
STEPHANIE STEPHENS - TITLE 1 EXTENDED DAY/ROONEY
KIMBERLY VOSHAK – KITCHEN HELPER/QHS

Resignations

RYAN COMLEY – NIGHT CUSTODIAN/QJHS 01/05/2024
JILL FAILOR – HEALTH OCC. INSTRUCTOR/QAVTC 12/31/2024
LEANNA JOHNSON – PARA/ECFC 01/26/2024
LYNN KLEINE – TEACHER/ROONEY END OF 23-24 SCH YR
SHAREY POPPENHAGER – DRIVER/TRANSP. 12/31/2023
KELSEY THOMPSON –ASST. SOFTBALL COACH/QHS 01/08/2024
KATHY TOURNEAR – RIDER/TRANSP. 01/05/2024
VANESSA VONBURG – PARA/ECFC END OF 23-24 SCH YR



QHS PRESENTS:
ROSIE THE RIVETER
FEBRUARY 8-10 7 PM
ADULT \$12
STUDENT \$8
TICKETS ON SALE JAN 22
QPS.ORG/MUSIC
OR CALL THE MUSIC OFFICE 217.224.3774

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**Friday, February 16—Parent/Teacher
Conferences
1/2 Day for Students**



**Monday, February 19—Presidents' Day
NO SCHOOL**



In other action, the Board approved:

- * Licensed and Educational Support Staff Seniority Lists
- * Spring Food Bid submitted by Kohl Wholesale in the amount of \$667,226.92
- * Resolutions Authorizing Intervention in PTAB Appeal and Proceedings
- * Resolution Providing for the Issue of Not to Exceed \$7,200,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2024
- * Bids for 20 School Buses to Central States for \$546,476.39 Annual Lease
- * Rejected all bids for an Activity Bus and accepting the state bid from Southern Mobility of \$91,753.00