

UPDATE

Quincy Public
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Newsletter

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FROM SUPERINTENDENT WEBB—BOARD MEETING REVIEW

At the February meeting, Board Members reviewed a draft of the 2020-2021 District Improvement Plan. The plan is similar to last year with the same overall goals toward reaching the District's mission to educate students and teachers to achieve personal excellence. The goals are: 1) increase student achievement; 2) improve staff and school morale and staff retention rate; and 3) promote fiscal responsibility. Principals are instructional leaders and have autonomy in their buildings. Teachers are encouraged to be innovative and try new methods or practices in their classrooms. New this year is an increased focus on student growth along with achievement. Both are measured with the Illinois Assessment of Readiness test administered to students in March. The final District Improvement Plan will be approved by the Board next month. Principals will then develop their School Improvement Plans in correlation with the District Plan. The School Improvement Plans for 2020-2021 will be presented in June.

The Board approved the following new QHS/QAVTC courses for 2020-2021:

JROTC—Intro to the Military and Military Studies. The Intro course was offered this school year. A second course will be offered as a sequence.

CBE Consumer Education and Health—would allow students to demonstrate competency in these two courses by taking the prescriptive, comprehensive test.

Hybrid Graphics/English IV—Students will earn 1 English credit and 1.5 Graphics credit. This two-period block class is a collaboration between QAVTC and the English Department at QHS.

CBE Independent Study Senior Art Elective—Independent studio experience for 12th grade art students who have successfully completed the prerequisite classes and wish to explore art media. Students may choose drawing, painting, mixed media, printmaking, sculpture and ceramics.

Cosmetology Program with Gem City College—Students will develop hairstyling skills and progress towards licensing requirements. Cosmetology licensing requires 1500 hours. This course will help students prepare for and earn approximately 500 hours towards licensure at a considerable savings.

Adams County CEO—Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities—A year-long course utilizing local business partnerships that provide an overview of business development and processes

Agriculture Animal Science and Agriculture Plant Science. These two courses will count as a science credit, fulfilling the third-year science graduation requirement. Students would not be able to substitute either class for Biology or Physics/Chemistry/Intro to Chemistry and Physics.



Roy Webb
Superintendent

SPRING BREAK—NO SCHOOL

Monday, March 16—

Friday, March 20



PERSONNEL

Appointments/Change in Assignment

KELLEE YORK—PART-TIME CASE MGR QHS/ILES
DEB RUTHS—COOK ROONEY (173 DAYS)
AMANDA ENSIGN—PARA DENMAN
CAROL RICE—AM/PM & BALDWIN EXT DAY DRIVING RT
DONNIE WALDROP—AM-PM QF RT 4 HRS/DAY 5 DAY/WK
RAUNETTE BRANSON—NIGHT CUST QHS/QAVTC
NICOLE MITTS—KITCHEN HELPER QHS (173 DAYS)
CONNER BRINSON—PARA ECFC
MELLIA TREASTER—PARA DENMAN
KEVIN HUNER—NIGHT CUST LDE (260 DAYS)
AUSTIN FORBES—NIGHT CUST QJHS
CRYSTAL LEONARD—CHILD CARE SUPVR ILES
FRANCIS WILLS—1ST GRD TEACHER BALDWIN
CARRIE SMITH—PARA ECFC
JENNIFER MAGGART—PARA BALDWIN
ASHLYNN DENNISON—PARA QHS
REBECCA RUSH—PARA DENMAN
KIM LILO—PARA ILES

Resignations

KATHRYN HAWK—SEIU DRIVER 2/29/20
ABAGALE CAWTHON DAMON—PARA DENMAN
SARAH ROBERTS – PARA QJHS 2/6/20
MEGAN GINSTER – ENG QHS END 2019-20 SCH YR
BRIANNA CLEVENGER-ENG QHS END 2019-20 SCH YR
LORNA GARCIA—CAFÉ QHS 3/16/20
NICHOLAS SHANNON—MUSIC LDE END 2019-20 SCH YR

**Retirements will be listed on the
May 2020 UPDATE**

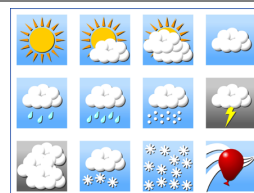
In other action, the Board approved:

- Annual Grants/Allocations
- Resolution directing the County Clerk to reduce the 2019 Debt Service Levy, in order to use surplus monies to pay down current debt obligations. The surplus is due to previous bond obligations being fully paid.

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28TH ANNUAL SHOWCASE OF EXCELLENCE



EVERYONE IS INVITED to attend the 28th Annual *Showcase of Excellence* on Saturday, March 14, 2019 at Quincy Senior High. More than 30 show choirs and jazz bands from Illinois, Missouri, and Iowa will light up the center stage of the QHS theatre from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. The QJHS Jazz Bands will be performing during the day.

A single admission ticket may be purchased at the QHS theatre entrance or the gym entrance the day of the event and is priced at \$12 for adults and \$8 for students. Tickets are good for all performances. Using a one-day pass, visitors can come and go as they please throughout the day, choosing the astounding sounds of the jazz bands in the QHS gym, or the razzle-dazzle of show choirs in the QHS theatre. Legendary, world-renowned trombonist, Bob Havers, will perform with Quincy Senior High Jazz Band I during their performance! The competition for the Show Choir finals will begin at 8:00 p.m. Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the day's events with the Grand Champion trophy presented at the high-spirited finale in the QHS theatre.

Food and beverages will be available in the QHS cafeteria throughout the day. Proceeds from this event benefit the entire music program for QPS students K-12.

Hope to see many of you there!

