

# UPDATE

Quincy Public  
Schools  
Newsletter

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## FROM SUPERINTENDENT WEBB—BOARD MEETING REVIEW

After the required public hearing, the Board of Education approved moving forward with the repair of the Board of Education and Alternative School parking lot at the meeting held on March 24. Two options will be considered. The first includes upgrades to existing surfaces and number of stalls would decrease from 95 to 90. Option 2 includes resurfacing the entire lot, including current green space and gravel areas. Parking stalls would increase to 138. The additional stalls would not fall under Health Life Safety funding. Other Health Life Safety Projects planned for the summer of 2021 include the Board of Education roof and façade, QHS stage rigging and curtain, and continued renovations on the 3rd and 4th floor corridors, ceilings and lights at QJHS. A new water service connection, installed from Maine Street to QJHS, is tentatively scheduled for early June.

Replacements for two critical positions in the District were approved by the Board. Kim Wert will replace my assistant and board secretary, Phyllis Stewart, who is retiring in June after 27 years. Kim has been employed in the District since 1995. She was the school secretary at Dewey School and, most recently, at Lincoln-Douglas Elementary. Scott Douglas has been appointed as the Assistant Transportation Director for 2021-2022 and will replace Shane Barnes as the Director when he retires July 2022. Scott has worked as a Dean and coach at QND and as a PE teacher and coach for QPS. He previously worked in Transportation as the discipline supervisor. Since July 2016, he has been the Athletic Director for the District.

The School Board approved the 2021-2022 District Improvement Plan. The Board goals include increase student achievement and student growth, improve staff/school morale and staff retention rate, promote fiscal responsibility, begin planning to implement community partnership and student career tech curriculum, instruction, and replacement, and plan and execute a leadership succession plan for senior leadership of QPS and prepare the next QPS Superintendent. Instruction for the 2021-2022 school year will be in-person except for a few individual situations, and high school students will return to five days a week. The biggest changes in the plan are to go back to a bit of normalcy, moving past the COVID-19 pandemic year. The plan will be reviewed with district administrators who will develop individual school improvements plans for the new school year.

Roy Webb  
Superintendent

**SPRING BREAK—NO SCHOOL**  
**Monday, March 29—**  
**Monday, April 5**



## PERSONNEL

### Appointments/Change in Assignment

SCOTT DOUGLAS—ASST DIR OF TRANSPORTATION  
KIM WERT—SUPT. ADMIN ASSISTANT/BOARD SECY  
KATELIN BROWN – VOLLEYBALL COACH – QHS  
MALIAH FELLER-BLAKEMORE—ASST VOLLEYB – QHS  
JACY ALLEN – ASST VOLLEYBALL COACH – QHS  
AMY BOTTORFF – TITLE 1 EXT DAY TCHR – ROONEY  
SANDRA CANN – TITLE 1 EXT DAY TCHR – ROONEY  
TONYA RODEMICH – TITLE 1 EXT DAY TCHR – ROONEY  
HEATHER HUMPHREY-TITLE 1 EXT DAY TCHR ROONEY  
BUFFY BENEC – KITCHEN HELPER –ABC/ACRSS  
KIM GRAVITT – COOK – ILES  
LORNA HOUGHTON – CAFÉ COORD – QHS  
AMY HARMS – KITCHEN HELPER – DENMAN  
AMBER APPLEBY – COOK – DENMAN  
JACK BIZAILLION – BUS DRIVER  
WILLIAM MUMMEY – BUS RIDER  
CHRISTINE GESCHWANDER – KITCHEN HELPER –ILES  
BROOKE STOKES—TITLE 1 SSFL NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
JENNIFER BRADEN—AM-MD-PM SEIU RIDER  
KATHY UPPINGHOUSE—CAFETERIA COORD—DENMAN

### Resignations

SALLY ARTZ – KITCHEN HELPER – ILES 3/5/21  
CAROL REIS – COOK – DENMAN 3/4/21  
AUSTIN FORBES – CUSTODIAN – BALDWIN 3/15/21  
PATRICIA LAUGHLIN – CHILD CARE – DENMAN 3/15/21  
RYLIE KENNING – KITCHEN HELPER – BALDWIN 3/19/21

### Resignations end of 2020-21 School Year

JULIE WILSON – FAMILY & CONSUMER SCI TCHR – QHS  
HANNAH HUBER – KINDERGARTEN TEACHER – ROONEY  
EVAN HULTZ – SPED TEACHER – QHS  
MATTHEW PETERSEN—PE TCHR QJHS,/BASKETBL COACH  
MATTHEW PETERSEN – QHS BASEBL/FOOTBL COACH  
JENNIFER DETERS—ELA TEACHER—QJHS

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### NEW FACES 2021 “The Beat Goes On”

**Don't miss your chance to purchase *New Faces* tickets. Consider supporting our talented students!**



Virtual ticket access to the event is \$20 and is on sale now. The production will air on Saturday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m. via pre-recorded live stream. You can purchase a virtual ticket for your household. The link to view the pre-recorded broadcast will be sent out on Friday, April 9.



<https://www.qps.org/departments/music/tickets/>

**Retirements will be listed on the  
May 2021 UPDATE**

### In other action, the Board approved:

- Revised School Board Policies from November 2020 Press Service

