



Quincy Public Schools

UPDATE

**Quincy Public
Schools
Newsletter**

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FROM SUPERINTENDENT PETTIT—BOARD MEETING REVIEW

Superintendent Reflection Year One

- ◆ My first year allowed me to determine district systems functioned and have shaped my focus for 23/24. We will not only focus on those things that give us challenges but also systems that are working, answering the question “how do we become better,” continuing to be innovative and always striving for excellence.
- ◆ QPS continues to be a resource for not only area districts but districts across the state because we have the reputation of being ahead of the curve and innovative.
- ◆ 42 Teacher Residents since 2018/2019 SY. 15 of those have obtained their professional educator licensure. Those are 42 positions that would go unfilled.
- ◆ 316 School/Classroom Visits
- ◆ Attendance, Behavior and Emotional Healthcare needs of students are on the rise. We have many supports and partnerships in place to address the needs such as Thriving Minds, Bella Ease, Community Healthcare Workers, our own social workers, social emotional school administrative managers, counselors and deans.
- ◆ QHS Increased graduation success 8% over last year. This will continue to be a district focus as it takes all of us to take a child from PreK – graduating from QHS.
- ◆ Blue Devil Fridays increased momentum and garnered community and business support.
- ◆ QPS Foundation Raised \$564,457 this year. We are so fortunate to have the support of the Foundation along with so many other corporations and area Foundations.

District Highlights

- ◇ QPS Mentor program mentor Kevin Blickhan reached a milestone as he was with the same student from PreK to graduation this year. Remarkable!
- ◇ The QHS/QJHS Trap Team competed at the State competition finishing 8th overall! Congratulations to QJHS Athlete, Denver Green on his second place JV finish! Top overall for the state was Luke Cumby (QHS) 1st.
- ◇ QJHS Track and Field team had the following team members place at the State meet: Cameran Byquist placed 8th in the 4A 8th grade girls long jump, Eli Poe placed 8th in the 4A 7B 1600m & Peyton Kuhl placed 2nd in the 4A 7G 1600m.
- ◇ The Girls Blue Devil Soccer team wrap up their season 14-5-3 after a loss in the Regional Championship game.
- ◇ Congratulations to Tracy Bugh and Marilyn Smith who graduated from the Quincy Area Chamber of Commerce Diversity and Inclusion Academy, Cohort 6!
- ◇ And we welcome all new hires to the QPS family including Anna Oakley, Communications Officer and Ryan Clair, Director of Maintenance.

Dr. Todd Pettit
Superintendent

PERSONNEL

Appointments/Change in Assignment (2023-2024 unless otherwise noted)

BRAD BOWEN-ASST. FOOTBALL COACH/QHS
CATHERINE CASE-5TH GRADE SPED CO-TEACHER/BALDWIN
RYAN CLAIR-DIRECTOR OF MAINTENANCE/DISTRICT 07/01/2023
HARRISON CLARK-ASST. FOOTBALL COACH/QHS
KIM DINKHELLER-DIRECTOR OF TEACHING & LEARNING PK-12 07/01/23
BEN FAILOR - ASST. FOOTBALL COACH/QHS
HARRISON FEY-ASST. BOYS SOCCER COACH/QHS
TRAVIS FROELICH-4TH GRADE CO-TEACHER/BALDWIN
KASSIE HENRY-5TH GRADE CO-TEACHER/DENMAN
KATIE HOGGE-3RD GRADE SPED CO-TEACHER/DENMAN 01/01/24
ROBERT JOHANNESSEN-ASST. FOOTBALL COACH/QHS
BRIGHAM JOHN-ASST. FOOTBALL COACH/QHS
ASHLEY KLEINE-BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CHILDCARE ASST/BALDWIN
BRETT LANDWEHR-ASST. BOYS SOCCER COACH/QHS
MEGAN MAIN-ATTENDANCE/ATHLETIC SECRETARY/QJHS 7/31/23
ERICA MAYNARD-ELEMENTARY EDUCATION DIRECTOR 07/01/23
ALEXIS MOORE-SLP/ITINERANT DEAF & HARD OF HEARING/DISTRICT
ANNA OAKLEY-COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER/GRANT SEEKER 07/05/23
EMILY PRITCHETT-MATH ACADEMIC CURRICULUM LIAISON/QJHS
TERESA REILLY-BEFORE SCHOOL CHILD CARE ASST/L-DE 08/16/23
JULIE RUPERT-PAYROLL COORDINATOR 07/01/23
MARTIN SMITH - ASST. FOOTBALL COACH/QHS
MICHELLE SMITH - 4TH GRADE TEACHER/ROONEY
KRISTY STEGEMAN - 3RD GRADE CO-TEACHER/ILES
LEVAR WEAR - MID-DAY CUSTODIAN/DENMAN 05/17/23
KAITLYN WINCUP - MUSIC TEACHER/LINCOLN-DOUGLAS

Resignations (end of 2022-2023 unless otherwise noted)

MICHELLE ARROWSMITH - KITCHEN HELPER/ILES 05/17/23
JESSICA BEASTON - COUNSELOR/QHS 06/08/23
JORDAN BURKHOLDER - GIRLS GOLF COACH/QJHS 06/02/23
DONALD CRIM - PARA/BALDWIN 05/31/23
COOPER DAVIS - AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE ASST/BALDWIN
ARIANNA DOWNARD-SALIH - PARA/ROONEY
JEANNIE EWERS - KITCHEN HELPER/QHS 05/12/23
JONI GOODWIN - PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER/DISTRICT 06/16/23
CARLA GUTHRIE - PARA/QJHS 05/12/23
LINDSAY HERREN - 4TH GRADE CO-TEACHER/BALDWIN
KEVIN KUEMPEL - MUSIC TEACHER/QJHS
CASEY SCHARNHORST - SE SAM/BALDWIN
CAITLYN SCHUSTER - 5TH GRADE CO-TEACHER/ROONEY
HILDA SPIDLE - CROSSING GUARD/DISTRICT 06/05/23
TONI TIMBROOK - PARA/ECFC
BRANDON VANCAMP - SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER/QHS
DARYL ZESSIN - SECURITY GUARD/DISTRICT

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**ALL QPS
BUILDINGS WILL
BE CLOSED
JULY 4**



In other action, the Board approved:

- ◇ Amended Budgets for Special Education Association, West Central Region, Quincy Area Vocational Technical Center, and the District for 2022-2023
- ◇ Hazardous Busing Resolution
- ◇ Physician Indemnification Letter
- ◇ 2023-2024 School Board Meeting Calendar
- ◇ 2023-2024 School Handbooks
- ◇ Set an August 23 public hearing on tentative 2023-24 budgets for WCR, QAVTC and the Special Education Association
- ◇ Sale of the QAVTC Building Trades home at 2909 Lind St for \$136,000
- ◇ Health Life Safety 3-Year Plan
- ◇ QJHS Cooler/Freezer Bid to Emrick Brothers for \$276,100
- ◇ Baldwin Auditorium Sprinkler Riser Bid to Brinkman Plumbing for \$71,414
- ◇ QHS Blue Devil Locker Room Renovation
- ◇ March 2023 PRESS Service Updates and Policy 2:150



**Available August 2023
300 South 11th
Quincy**

Two bedroom house, one and a half baths, two car garage, corner lot, screened back porch, large walk-in closet off of full bath, all new windows throughout, washer/dryer hook ups in basement. No smoking, prefer no pets. Serious inquiries only, call Janet 217-257-0581.