



Quincy Public Schools

# UPDATE

July 17, 2024

## SUPER'S 8 DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

1. Tim Davis was appointed as the newest member of the School Board. He is a Quincy native and QHS class of 1997 graduate. Davis served for 20 years in the US Army before retiring in 2022 as a Lieutenant Colonel. He is the director of operations at Titan Wheel International.
2. The Quincy Arise Coalition Champions met earlier this month. The Coalition continues to bring together community organizations including QPS that have a common interest in taking actions to understand and improve inequities that are inherent in our community.
3. Jody Steinke and Ryan Clair do an outstanding job providing tours of QJHS and QHS to reunion goers during reunion season. Their dedication to go above and beyond in this way connects alumni of near and far through memories of school days and a connection to the alumni association.
4. My spring and summer speaking tour wrapped up this month with the Noon Kiwanis meeting. Seven speaking engagements to local service clubs and organizations focused on the topic "Supporting QPS Students". When the community supports schools, schools support students and students become members of the community continue the circle of support. Marilyn Smith and I presented the many facets of public education aside from academic instruction that educators address from physical health, mental wellness, and attendance barriers. We are fortunate to have many organizations and service clubs that support our students, staff and teachers.
5. Because of generous support of the Tracy Family Foundation, QPS elementary schools have adopted the Ron Clark Academy (RCA) House System. Teams of teachers and administrators attended workshops at RCA last summer and this summer, bringing back strategies that each school has utilized to begin their House System journey. I was grateful to attend House Con at RCA last week along with nearly 30 QPS teachers and administrators. The experience was empowering to witness the engagement, academic rigor, relationships & rapport and climate & culture that has become commonplace at RCA after 17 years of utilizing the House System.
6. Lisa Otten, Director of Human Resources and Eryn Beswick, Special Education Director have hosted three QPS Support Staff Career Fairs this year (October, January and June). All Departments and Administrators who hire support staff positions were represented. Over 40 candidates attended. Some came to talk with the hiring directors, some came to apply, and others came for the onsite interviews. QPS successfully hired 14 positions, including one teacher.
7. Online Registration for the 2024-2025 school year opened Monday, July 15th.
8. The First Baptist Church Back-to-School Help Fair is Saturday, August 3rd from 8:00-11:00 am at Iles Elementary School. The Quincy Neighborhood Federation will also be hosting a Back-to-School Fair on Tuesday, August 6th, 5:00p – 7:00p between 8th & 9th on Payson Ave.

*Dr. Todd Pettit*  
Superintendent

## PERSONNEL ITEMS

### *Appointments/Change in Assignment (2024-2025 unless otherwise noted)*

ANTHONY AGRIMONTI – ASST. 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GR FOOTBALL COACH/  
QJHS  
BRENNBAKER – 4<sup>TH</sup> GR/BALDWIN  
SUSAN BESWICK – PARA/DENMAN  
MICHELLE ANN BICKHAUS – 1<sup>ST</sup> GR/ROONEY  
ABBY BOLT – MS PHYSICAL EDUCATION/QJHS  
ABBY BOLT – ASST. CROSS COUNTRY COACH/QJHS  
SARA CARICO – COOK/DENMAN  
RUBY CLARK – PARA/ECFC  
ABBIGAIL CLAYTON – PARA/ECFC  
ROBBIN DAVIS – 5<sup>TH</sup> GR SPECIAL ED CO-TEACHER/ILES  
ADREEONA DIXSON – PARA/ECFC  
MICHELLE HERMAN – SPECIAL ED SECRETARY/BOE  
LAMOR HICKMAN – ASST. FOOTBALL COACH/QHS  
ADAM HOLTSCHLAG – SPECIAL ED/QHS  
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MADISON KENNEDY – PARA/ECFC  
JODI (SUMMY) LEENERTS – ISS SUPERVISOR/BALDWIN  
JOHN LUMPKIN – ASST. 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GR FOOTBALL COACH/QJHS  
KELLY MCCLEARY – RECEPTIONIST/SUB COORD. – QHS  
AMY MCCLEERY – COUNSELING SECRETARY/QHS  
MIRIAM MCKINNEY – SCIENCE/QJHS  
YASHIRA MEDIAYILLA – COOK/QHS  
MORGAN PETTYJOHN – PARA/ECFC  
BRIAN ROWATT – ASST. FOOTBALL COACH/QHS  
RYAN SPARKS – ASST. 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GR BASEBALL COACH/QJHS  
JARED SPECHT – HEALTH/QJHS  
MICHAEL TIMMONS – SECURITY GUARD/QJHS  
JUSTIN TRAMMEL – NIGHT CUSTODIAN/QJHS  
DOUGLAS VANDERMAIDEN – SSFL/ILES

### *Resignations*

JEFF GRAWE – SECURITY GUARD/BOE 07/09/24  
KRISTIN LINDGREN – COOK/QHS 06/28/24  
EMILY PRITCHETT – MATH TEACHER/STUDENT COUNCIL SPON-  
SOR/ACADEMIC CURRICULUM LIAISON/QJHS  
LEIGHANN RENO – HEAD START TEACHER/ECFC 07/01/24  
SUSAN SAATHOFF – PARA/ECFC END OF 23-24 SCH YR  
SUEANNE SPENCER – SECRETARY/ECFC 07/19/24  
AMY WARNING – KDG/LINCOLN-DOUGLAS 07/03/24  
KELLY WEIMAN – AG TEACHER/QAVTC 07/02/24  
CARRIE WYATT – SOCIAL WORKER/QJHS 07/09/24

HOUSE FOR RENT \*\*Available August 2024



Three bed, two bath, one car garage, central location, unfin-  
ished basement with washer/dryer hook ups, large yard,  
one year lease. NO smoking, prefer no pets. \$1300 a month  
plus deposit.

Serious inquiries—call Janet 217-257-0581

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### 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 Im-  
provement  
Monday, October 14.....No School—Columbus Day  
Friday, November 1.....1/2 Day School—Parent/Teacher  
Conference  
Monday, November 4.....No School—Parent/Teacher Confer-  
ence  
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

### *In other action, the Board approved:*

- ◇ Bid for bread for 24-25 submitted by Kohl Wholesale at a cost of \$50,312.80.
- ◇ Bid for milk for 24-25 submitted by Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc. at a cost of \$283,262.50.
- ◇ Bid for produce for 24-25 submitted by What Chef's Want at a cost of \$71,546.85.
- ◇ Bid for food and non-food items for 24-25 submitted by Kohl Wholesale at a cost of \$873,970.88.
- ◇ Resolution Approving Sale of 121 N 20th St
- ◇ Resolution for 24-25 Tentative Budgets for QAVTC, WCR, and Special Education.