



Quincy Public Schools

# UPDATE

AUGUST 23, 2023



## SUPER'S 8 DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

1. **QAVTC** has expanded its EMT course in conjunction with the Adams County Ambulance and Emergency Management Agency to a 2-semester course, doubling the amount of students participating.
2. **Teachers and Staff** were treated to a performance by Justin Tutt, a motivational speaker and performer, to start off the year with renewed energy and commitment.
3. **Quincy High School Transition 12+ Students** have resumed their Blue Devil Coffee program. Students learn to run a coffee business by selling cups o' joe to QHS staff.
4. The teachers and staff at the **Early Childhood and Family Center** have achieved the Gold Circle of Quality from ExceleRate Illinois, the state's quality recognition and improvement system.
5. Brenda Fleer and the team at **QJHS** have gotten positive feedback after implementing a stow-your-device policy. Students must keep cellphones in their lockers throughout the day to limit distractions in classrooms.
6. The first week of school went very smoothly. There were no major challenges that we would anticipate, especially when transporting. Congratulations to **Scott Douglas, Director of Transportation** and his team on a smooth start. A shout out to our bus drivers for making personal phone calls to families prior to the first day.
7. The Back-to-School Health Fair at **Iles Elementary** went very well. Brandy Kirby, Rev. Jones & First Baptist Church once again organized a smooth operation where students could get physicals, immunizations, dental checks, backpacks, clothes and supplies to get them ready for the first day of school.
8. **The Quincy Neighborhood Federation** hosted an outdoor back to school fair where families could stop by a festive atmosphere for a burger and snacks while stocking up on back-to-school essentials including shoes, winter coats and supplies.

With Blue Devil Pride,

*Dr. Todd Pettit*

Superintendent



## PERSONNEL ITEMS

### Appointments for 2023-2024

MADELYN ALBERS – PARA/QJHS 08/14/23  
JANA ALLEN – COOK/ECFC 08/15/23  
JANET ALLEN – PARA/ECFC 08/14/23  
KATHERINE BALDWIN – PREK SPECIAL ED TEACHER/ECFC  
MICHAEL BARAJAS – BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE  
ASST/ROONEY 08/16/23  
WHITNEY BAUMGARTNER – TR SP ED TEACHER/QJHS  
BRAD BERGMAN – SSFL/DENMAN  
CAROLINE BLACH – PSYCHOLOGIST/QHS 08/14/23  
CHEYENNE BLICKHAN – COOK/DENMAN  
BRUCE BONNESS – ASST. BOYS GOLF COACH/QHS  
JORDAN BOYER – CAFÉ COORD/LINCOLN-DOUGLAS  
EVAN BOYER – DAY CUSTODIAN/QJHS 07/31/23  
KATHERINE BRAITHWAITE – 5<sup>TH</sup> GR SPED CO-TEACHER/DENMAN  
AUTUMN BUCKLEY – PSYCHOLOGIST INTERN/QJHS 08/14/23  
COLE BUHRMESTER – 1<sup>ST</sup> GR TEACHER/ILES  
KELSEY BUTLER – PARA/QHS 08/14/23  
RANEY CANNON – TR SP ED CROSS CAT TEACHER/DENMAN  
CATHERINE CASE – 5<sup>TH</sup> GR SPED CO-TEACHER/ BALDWIN  
FRANK CASH – SPED TEACHER/QHS  
HARRISON CLARK – ASST. FOOTBALL COACH/QJHS  
JAROD CLARK – ASST. GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH/QJHS  
PERI COLE – COOK/LINCOLN-DOUGLAS  
VANESSA COONS –AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE ASST/DENMAN  
08/16/23  
ERICA CORRIVEAU – EDGENUITY/THE ACADEMY  
ERICA CRAMM – TR SPECIAL ED TEACHER/QJHS  
PAIGE CUMMINS – TR ART TEACHER/QHS  
EMMA CUNNINGHAM – CCR/MEDICAL DETECTIVE TEACHER/QJHS  
SHARON DENTON – KITCHEN HELPER/DENMAN 08/15/23  
KELSIE DENUM – COOK/DENMAN 08/15/23  
GERALD DINCHER – SCIENCE TEACHER/QJHS  
PAMELA DROEGE – SECURITY GUARD/DISTRICT 08/04/23  
MATTHEW ETZLER - TR ELA TEACHER/QJHS  
BRUCE EWING – DAY CUSTODIAN/LINCOLN-DOUGLAS 08/14/23  
TRAVIS FROELICH – TR 4<sup>TH</sup> GR CO-TEACHER/BALDWIN  
LOGAN GAINES – MID-DAY CUSTODIAN/BALDWIN 08/01/23  
JAMES GOODWIN – DAY CUSTODIAN/ECFC 08/01/23  
MARK GOODWIN – SECURITY GUARD/ECFC 08/14/23  
ANTHONY GRAW – SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER/QJHS  
ELIZABETH GREER – TR 4<sup>TH</sup> GR SPED CO-TEACHER/DENMAN  
AMANDA GRIESBAUM – ELA TEACHER/QJHS  
ROSE GRIFFARD – COOK/QJHS  
KATELYN GUTHRIE – TR 3<sup>RD</sup> GR CO-TEACHER/LINCOLN-DOUGLAS  
KYRSTIN HALTERMAN – COOK/QHS 08/15/23  
TRINA HARDCASTLE – NIGHT CUSTODIAN/QJHS 08/04/23  
CALEIGH HAYHURST – SPED TEACHER/QJHS  
KIMBERLY HAYS – PARA/DENMAN 08/14/23  
LARRY HECK – HISTORY TEACHER/QHS  
ANJAY HEINECKE – ASST. SOFTBALL COACH/QJHS

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### Appointments for 2023-2024 (continued)

ARLENE HENDREN – KITCHEN HELPER/QJHS 08/15/23  
KASSIE HENRY – 5<sup>TH</sup> GR CO-TEACHER/DENMAN  
NYAH HICKS – PARA/ECFC 08/14/23  
SARAH HOEBING – COUNSELOR/QHS  
MELISSA HOENER – TUTORING CENTER TEACHER/QHS  
MOLLIE HOFFMAN – SPED SECRETARY/BOE 09/05/23  
AMBER HOLTSCHLAG – 5<sup>TH</sup> GR CO-TEACHER/LINCOLN-DOUGLAS  
KELSEA HOSKINS – PART-TIME CASE MANAGER/QJHS 01/03/24  
THOMAS HOSTENG – TR GERMAN TEACHER & GERMAN CLUB  
SPONSOR/QHS  
MIKE HOWERTON – SECURITY GUARD/QAVTC 08/14/23  
ANDREA JACKSON – PARA/ECFC 08/14/23  
TRACIE JACKSON – SCHOOL NURSE ROONEY  
ISABELLE KENNEDY – HISTORY TEACHER/QHS  
LYNN KLEINE – 3<sup>RD</sup> GR TEACHER/ROONEY  
ANNETTE KOETTERS – COOK/QJHS  
ALEXIS LANDWEHR – KINDERGARTEN TEACHER/ILES  
SAMANTHA LANDWEHR – POM PON SPONSOR/QHS  
JENNIFER LEE – HEAD START TEACHER ECFC 08/14/23  
AMANDA LIESEN-MILLER – ISS SUPERVISOR/ILES 08/14/23  
KRISTEN LINDGREN – COOK/QHS 08/15/23  
MIKE LLEWELLYN – ASST. BOYS GOLF COACH/QJHS & GIRLS  
GOLF COACH/QJHS  
SHANNA LONSBERRY – TR SP ED AUTISM TEACHER/BALDWIN  
ALYGIN MARSHALL – COOK/QHS  
LINDA MARTIN – KITCHEN HELPER/ILES 08/15/23  
LINDA MARTIN – AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE ASST/ILES 08/16/23  
AMANDA MCCAUSLIN – SCHOOL NURSE/QJHS  
MISTY MCCLUSKEY – COOK/LINCOLN-DOUGLAS 08/15/23  
DALYN MCCUNE – PARA/ECFC 08/14/23  
TROY MCNAY – SECURITY GUARD/DISTRICT 08/14/23  
LORI MILES – PART-TIME SP ED CASE MANAGER/QJHS  
RENEE MITCHELL – KITCHEN HELPER/ROONEY 08/15/23  
ERIN MOHR – PARA/DENMAN 08/14/23  
ALEXIS MOORE – SLP (.50) & ITINERANT DEAF/HARD OF HEAR-  
ING TEACHER (.50)/ROONEY  
GAVYN MOORE – TUTORING CENTER TEACHER/QHS  
ASHLEY ORR – COOK/QHS  
KAILEY (OWSLEY) RECKERS – 3<sup>RD</sup> GR CO-TEACHER/DENMAN  
TERESA REILLY – PARA/LINCOLN-DOUGLAS 08/14/23  
JENNIFER RENFRO – SE SAM/DENMAN  
JO ROAN – COOK/QJHS  
EMILY ROSEN – 2<sup>ND</sup> GR TEACHER/LINCOLN-DOUGLAS

Appointments for 2023-2024 (continued)

NICOLE ROSSMILLER – CAFÉ COORD/QHS  
ZOE SANTIAGO – COOK/QHS  
JACK SASSEN - TR PE TEACHER/ROONEY  
LISA SCHUCKMAN – ASST. SOFTBALL COACH/QJHS  
ALICIA SHAFFER – TR SCIENCE TEACHER/QHS  
JACQUELINE SHARKEY – 5<sup>TH</sup> GR TEACHER/LINCOLN-DOUGLAS  
APRIL SIBBING – CERTIFIED SCHOOL NURSE/ECFC  
CLARE SMITH – SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER/QJHS  
MICHELLE SMITH – 4<sup>TH</sup> GR TEACHER/ROONEY  
NICOLE SMITH – PARA/ECFC 08/14/23  
TERESA SMITH – HEAD START TEACHER/ECFC 08/14/23  
NORMA SPORY – KITCHEN HELPER/BALDWIN 08/15/23  
NORMA SPORY – AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE ASST/BALDWIN 08/16/23  
CATHY SPRAGUE – COOK/LINCOLN-DOUGLAS  
JESSICA STEEPLES – PARA/ILES 08/14/23  
KRISTY STEGEMAN – TR 3<sup>RD</sup> GR CO-TEACHER/ILES  
GEORGE STAERKER – DRIVER/TRANSP. 08/16/23  
ALICIA STUPAVSKY – PREK EARLY CHILDHOOD SPED TEACHER/ECFC  
MARIA TALTON – PARA/QAVTC  
BRUCE TERSTEGGE – SECURITY/LINCOLN-DOUGLAS  
TAMMY TONNIES – TR KINDERGARTEN TEACHER/BALDWIN  
JADON UNDERHILL – SP ED (HISTORY) TEACHER/QHS  
MICHAELA VEIHL – 3<sup>RD</sup> GR TEACHER/DENMAN  
VANESSA VONBURG – PARA/ECFC  
ALAINA VOSS – KINDERGARTEN TEACHER/ILES  
CHASE WALTON – NIGHT CUSTODIAN/QJHS 07/14/23  
JAMES WALTON – BUILDING SUPERVISOR/QJHS 08/01/23  
CHASE WALTON – NIGHT CUSTODIAN/BALDWIN 08/07/23  
LISA WILLIAMS – KITCHEN HELPER/ROONEY 08/17/23  
KAITLYN WINCUP – MUSIC TEACHER/LINCOLN-DOUGLAS  
PAULA ZANGER – KITCHEN HELPER/ILES 08/17/23  
KELLI ZIMMERMAN – SOCIAL WORKER/QJHS 08/14/23

Resignations

DOMINIQUE BLUNIER – PARA/LINCOLN-DOUGLAS 08/09/23  
ROCHELLE BOUCHEZ – MID-DAY SP ED DRIVER/TRANSP. 07/31/23  
KAYLA CARPENTER - .60 SPEECH PATH/ROONEY 07/20/23  
JAROD CLARK – ASST. TRACK COACH/QJHS 08/09/23  
VANESSA COONS – AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE ASST/DENMAN  
08/15/23  
GAYANNE DAUGHERTY - .50 MUSIC TEACHER/ROONEY 07/14/23  
GAYANNE DAUGHTERY – CHILDCARE ASST PM/DENMAN 7/14/23  
KATHERINE FREEMAN – DRIVER/TRANSP. 07/17/23  
TRACI GRAHAM – OFFICE DISPATCH/TRANSP. 08/03/23  
RICHARD GREGORY – AUTO TECH INSTRUCTOR/QAVTC 08/17/23  
RYAN HILL – ASST. FOOTBALL COACH/QJHS 08/06/23  
CURTIS KELTY – SECURITY SUPERVISOR/BOE 08/21/23  
TROY MCNAY – SECURITY GUARD/DISTRICT 08/07/23  
ALEXA (RIUTZEL) REID - SPED PREK TEACHER/ECFC 7/31/23  
DEVIN ROGERS – PE TEACHER/ROONEY 08/08/23  
ADELAIDE SCHWENK – PARA/DENMAN 07/17/23  
OLIVIA STUCKMAN – POM PON SPONSOR/QHS 09/29/23  
STEPHON WILLIAMS – ECFC DRIVER/TRANSP. 08/01/23

*In other action, the Board approved:*

- ◆ 2023-2024 Special Education Association Budget
- ◆ 2023-2024 QAVTC Budget
- ◆ 2023-2024 West Central Region Budget
- ◆ Tentative 2023-2024 District Budget and set hearing date as 09/27/23
- ◆ Short-Term Substitute Training Agreement with the ROE
- ◆ MOU for QHS Flex Academy Teacher Preparation Time

The spring grant application for QPSF Teacher & Staff Grants is open and ready for your application. Grant requests can be for as much as \$25,000. The purpose of the Teacher and Staff Grant program is to provide funding for special projects you want to implement within Quincy Public Schools. This can be for a single classroom, an entire grade, or a whole school—there really aren't a lot of limits as long as the teachers, students, and administrators of QPS are the beneficiaries. This is a competitive grant program, so your application is not guaranteed to be approved, but we are working hard here at the Foundation to raise funds to approve as many grant applications as possible. Any employee of Quincy Public Schools is eligible to apply for a grant; you do not have to be a teacher, nor do you have to be a fulltime employee. We love creative, innovative, and impactful projects, so really DREAM BIG when thinking about what you would do with extra funding.

**The application closes October 14, 2023 and money for this cycle is awarded beginning Jan. 2, 2024.**

For information and a link to the application, go to <https://www.qpsfoundation.org/teacher-grants/>

