



Quincy Public Schools

UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 23, 2020

FROM SUPERINTENDENT WEBB BOARD MEETING REVIEW

This is the sixth week of the 2020-2021 school year. Students and staff are doing well, both in-person and remote learning. There are currently 18 active COVID-19 cases. Six of these cases have been traced back to a large indoor non-school event held last weekend outside of Quincy. Students and parents need to know that events like this are a bigger risk. There are risks to the student's health, their family's health and to QPS operations. The school district will be impacted by large events like this if our kids and families attend.

Our leaders are doing an amazing job with day-to-day issues while constantly building contingencies. Teachers and support staff are being asked to do more than ever before and are meeting the challenge. It is going to be a difficult to sustain operations and keep going, going, going. It is hard for everyone but I have confidence in our incredible team.

Decisions and changes made by this Board over the past three to five years have positively impacted how we are able to handle this crisis. The new K-5 buildings are much cleaner, have better ventilation and are ADA accessible. The Board accelerated the building schedule which completed the project ahead of the recent increase in the cost of steel and other building materials. Budget cuts made four years ago built fund balances and had we not been prepared, we would have been borrowing money this year with the added expenses of the pandemic. We have been able to work side by side with the Union on delicate issues this spring and summer. Other districts have been unable to go in-person because of poor relations with staff. The strong central office team and district directors have worked tirelessly the last five months and are meeting every challenge. The raise in substitute pay two years ago helped us secure more subs. We would not have been able to go back in-person without enough subs. The Board approved hiring early for positions and anticipated openings. It has paid off greatly in the quality of our new hires and preparing for the new school year.

The Board approved the 2020-2021 District Budget. Ryan Whicker, Chief of Business Operations, reported that the district expects to collect \$300,000 more in corporate personal property replacement tax than was originally projected. This will reduce the projected \$800,000 deficit in the operating budget to about \$500,000. This was the major change from the tentative budget reviewed by the Board in August. He said although it is not a balanced budget, it does not require a deficit reduction plan. The district has enough reserves to cover the deficit. The budget includes \$1.4 million in Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES Act) from the federal government for increased costs due to COVID19. The budget incorporates an \$850 increase per FTE, and a 10% increase in health insurance benefits. A key factor moving forward will be whether the State makes cuts in payments to the school district and whether more money will be coming to schools from the federal government. Spending due to COVID19 was significantly more than what was given to schools and local governments.

Board Member Shelley Arns reported on the recent meeting of the District Improvement Committee. She said that the District Improvement Plan's overarching goals for 2020-2021 are: 1) Increase student achievement and growth as measured by state and local assessments. 2) Recruit and retain effective, highly qualified educators to ensure a well-rounded, equitable education for all QPS students. 3) Maintain safe, healthy, equitable and supportive learning environments for all students and staff. Each school's plans align with these goals. Several more layers to the improvement plans have been added due to COVID19 issues and accommodations for remote learning. The focus is on health, safety and the social/emotional well-being of all students, staff and families. The teachers and staff are doing an amazing job.

Board Members Shelley Arns and Carol Nichols were recognized for their *Master Board Member* achievements. Member Arns has achieved *Master Board Member Level 1* and Member Nichols has achieved *Master Board Member Level 2*. Congrats to these dedicated and hard-working Board members!

Roy Webb
Superintendent

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Appointments

JULIANNA HOLLMAN-AFTR SCH EDGENUITY ACRSS
LAURA KELLE – AFTR SCH EDGENUITY ACRSS
MARY JANE BAUER – TITLE I TUTOR – ST. FRANCIS
ALLISON GABRIEL – TITLE I TUTOR – BLES SACR
LUCINDA STUPAVSKY – TITLE I TUTOR-BLES SACR
MICHELLE HERMAN – TITLE I TUTOR – ST. FRANCIS
JOAN KROETER – TITLE I TUTOR – ST. DOMINIC
JENNIFER SECKMAN-SPEECH/LANG PATH – BALDW
KATHY CARTER – SOC WKR COOR – DISTRICT
MIKE MCKINLEY – SPANISH TEACHER P/T QJHS
MATTHEW SULLIVAN – PSYCH INTERN – DISTRICT
ELI HAHN – PSYCHOLOGY INTERN – DISTRICT
LISA BARNES – KITCHEN HELPER – QHS
LORNA HOUGHTON – CAFE COOK - QHS
ADDISON RAMSEY – PARA – QJHS
RYLIE KENNING – KITCHEN HELPER – BALDWIN
KIMBERLY SHAFFER – PARA – ECFC
JOHN WERT – BOYS GOLF COACH – QHS
BROOKE BALDWIN – PARA – QHS
CATHERINE BRUENING-TITLE I SSFL-NON PUB SCH
RICK BLIVEN – BUS DRIVER
STEPHANIE BUSS – BUS DRIVER
DEBBIE WALKER – BUS RIDER
ARMANI CLARK – PARA – ROONEY
MARK SCHMELZLE – NIGHT CUSTODIAN – QJHS
JAMIE MECKLENBURG—PARA ILES
ABBY BOLT – PARA – DENMAN
BARBARA MONROE – PARA – QHS
JENNIFER KOVAR – SP ED ADMIN ASST – BOE

Resignations

KRISTY MILLER – PARA – ILES
LEESA PINSON – PARA – DENMAN
CASEY PIGG – PARA – ECFC
HEATHER DODD – PK SPED TEACHER – ECFC
CHRISTINE TERSTEGGE – PARA -ILES
NAYT MARMOL – COOK – QHS
JENNIFER MUELLER – CHILD CARE ASST – BALDW
MIKE STUPAVSKY – BUS DRIVER
DONALD WALDROP – CUSTODIAN – QJHS
TYLER DUSCHINSKY – 9TH BOYS BASKETL COACH
TAMMY MABIE – BUS DRIVER/RIDER
JERMAINE JORDAN – CHADDK/YTH HOME LIAISON
RYAN BROWN-8TH GRD ASST. BASKETBALL COACH
JANAE KOENIG – SP ED ADMIN ASST - BOE
APRIL RUFFCORN – PARA – QHS
BRANDY HICKERSON – CHILD CARE ASST – BALDW
SHARON DAWKINS – HEAD START TCHR – ECFC
JOYCE STEVENS—DRIVER
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CAROL RICE—DRIVER
GINA ASCHEMANN—ECFC FAMILY SUPP SPEC

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SICK LEAVE BANK OPEN ENROLLMENT



Open enrollment begins
October 1 and ends October
15, 2020. If you are a mem-
ber of the Quincy Federation
Union and have completed
one year of employment
with QPS, you are eligible to
enroll. Enrollment forms

will be available starting
October 1 on the QPS website @
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