

# UPDATE

Quincy Public  
Schools  
Newsletter

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## FROM SUPERINTENDENT WEBB—BOARD MEETING REVIEW

At the November meeting, the Board approved the resolution on the amounts necessary to be levied for 2020. Chief of Business Operations Ryan Whicker explained that EAV estimates are showing growth of just over 2% but property value assessments are still taking place. The calculation shows a total tentative tax rate approximately 2 cents lower than in 2019. However, based on current EAV estimates, Mr. Whicker believes that the tax rate will be very similar to last year. The School Board will finalize the levy in December.

QPS received some very good news last week. The audit report for 2019-2020 showed no findings for the second year in a row. Chief of Business Operations Ryan Whicker has done something no other business manager has been able to do for more than 20 years in Quincy Public Schools with zero findings for the second year in a row. Mr. Whicker is the first to point out that it's a team effort. You're dealing with state grants, federal grants and a lot of different things have happened this fiscal year. This is a great accomplishment. It's a testament to a lot of people working really hard throughout the entire school district making sure things are done accurately the first time.

The Board approved two new courses at QHS for the 2021-2022 school year. *Social Emotional Success* is an elective option for students in online/remote learning. It is ideal for students enrolled in alternative placement (ABC/ACRSS, GAP, Learning Center) who have limited opportunities for meaningful and purposeful elective credit-bearing classes. It is aligned to state SEL standards. *Ceramics* will be offered as an introductory course covering the three basic methods of hand building. Students will explore three-dimensional design while developing both useful and sculptural form, learning the basic vocabulary of ceramics and methods of surface treatment, firing and other related aspects. Creativity and quality craftsmanship are emphasized.

Policies from Policy Reference Education Subscription Service from March, June and August were adopted. Key changes include new policy related to Title IX, part of the federal Civil Rights Act for the K-12 setting, which sets procedures for investigation, hearings and resolution of sexual harassment claims.

Quincy Public Schools continues to offer in-person learning while many districts throughout the state have reverted to some type of remote learning. Thanks to our principals, directors and Transportation Director Shane Barnes who have to make changes and accommodations daily. Thanks to Curriculum Director Kim Dinkheller and Assistant Director Erica Maynard for assisting the teaching staff. Personnel Director Lisa Otten tracks staff who are out each day and works to keep spots filled. Nursing Director Brandy Kirby and all nurses are working hard to track positive COVID cases and contact trace. I appreciate the support from the Adams County Health Department, the union, the School Board, teachers and staff. These are our heroes. The cooperation from students and the community have made this a team effort.

I hope you enjoyed your Thanksgiving break and stayed safe. We plan to continue to be diligent and do everything we can to keep the in-person option for our community.

*Roy Webb*  
Superintendent

# PERSONNEL

## *Appointments/Change in Assignment*

TYLER DUSCHINSKY—HEAD FRESH BASKETBALL COACH QHS.  
RYAN BROWN—ASST SOPH BASKETBALL COACH QHS.  
ANN OLIN – COOK – ROONEY  
JAMIE HAMBY – HEAD START TEACHER – ECFC  
LORI GENGENBACHER—FAM SUPP—ECFC  
NANCY WELLS – COOK – DENMAN  
MINDY DEMING – DRIVER – TRANS- QHS EXT DAY  
LINDA LITTLE – BUS RIDER – TRANS

## *Resignations*

HAYLEY WOMACK – ASST GIRLS SOCCER COACH 11/6/20  
DAVE KRONER – PARA – DENMAN 11/13/20  
SHARON HUMPHREY – PARA – QHS 11/27/20  
DOUG BRUNER – ASST BOYS' BASKETBALL COACH 5/27/20

## QHS MUSIC DEPARTMENT VESPERS 2020

Saturday, December 12, 2020  
6:00 p.m. on WGEM  
Mark your calendars  
and tune in!

## NO SCHOOL

**WINTER BREAK BEGINS**  
**Monday, December 21**

**Staff return**  
**Tuesday, January 5 for**  
**Remote Planning Day**

**Students Return**  
**January 6**

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### *The Board also approved:*

- ◇ Submission of the Title 1 School Improvement Grant 1003a.
- ◇ Architect fees for upcoming Health Life Safety Projects including the Board of Education Parking Lot Reconstruction, ACRSS Building Roof and Front Façade Replacement, and QHS Auditorium Curtains and Stage Rigging Replacement.



QPS Music Department Friends and Family!

Are you still looking for the perfect gift for your QPS Music Department Fan? We have limited stock of the QHS Choirs Christmas CD, "Peace on Earth" directed by Mr. Dan Sherman! 🎄 QHS Concert Choir's beloved, "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" is the final track of this wonderful Traditional Christmas Music CD...

The CD is yours for a donation of \$10 or more!  
♥ You can make arrangements for pick up at QHS or shipping is available!

If you would like a copy, please call the Music Office at 217-224-3774 between the hours of 8A - 3P or email [grawesa@qps.org](mailto:grawesa@qps.org), please include your name, address and phone number.

Happy Holidays  
from the QPS Music Department!