



# Quincy Public Schools **UPDATE**

*December 17, 2025*

## **SUPERINTENDENT BOARD MEETING UPDATE**

As we head into second semester, the District continues to face staffing challenges, with approximately 60 open positions and ongoing difficulties recruiting and retaining teachers. Filling classrooms and support roles remains a top priority.

Staffing shortages have particularly impacted special education, Early Childhood, and Quincy Junior High, requiring adjustments to service delivery while still meeting all student needs and legal obligations. Early Childhood classrooms are operating at maximum capacity, limiting enrollment despite the importance of early intervention.

In hard-to-fill areas such as math, Edgenuity is being used to maintain instructional access; however, we recognize that technology cannot replace the daily relationships and support provided by teachers.

Despite these challenges, student performance remains near the state average, reflecting the dedication and resilience of our staff. We appreciate the continued commitment, flexibility, and professionalism of our staff as we work together to support students and strengthen the District.

Community engagement efforts are underway to inform the district's long-term planning. This next phase of work will include a series of five community engagement workshops, beginning with the first workshop on January 27 from 5:30–7:30 p.m. in the Quincy High School cafeteria. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m., and dinner will be provided.

The workshops will share the district's current challenges and ongoing efforts, feature presentations from staff and subject-matter experts, and actively seek community feedback on next steps. Broad community participation is encouraged, as input from these sessions will help shape a proposal the committee plans to bring forward in June, with an update on participation shared at the January 28 Board meeting.

The superintendent search continues to move forward. HYA presented a strong slate of 10 candidates, double the number from the 2021 search, and initial interviews were conducted on December 13. The Board will debrief with HYA and select candidates for second interviews in early January, with the timeline accelerated due to a competitive statewide market and the goal of making an announcement earlier than originally planned.

# PERSONNEL

## *Appointments/Change in Assignment*

HALLE BARNES - TITLE 1 EXT. DAY TEACHER – BALDWIN 11/11/2025

CATHERINE CASE - TITLE 1 EXT. DAY TEACHER – BALDWIN 11/11/2025

JOANNE CONOYER - TITLE 1 EXT. DAY TEACHER – LINCOLN DOUGLAS  
11/20/2025

SAYLOR DRAWE - TITLE 1 EXT. DAY TEACHER – BALDWIN 11/11/2025

ETHAN ENSINGER - TITLE 1 EXT. DAY TEACHER – BALDWIN 11/11/2025

JOANNA HOCHGRABER - TITLE 1 EXT. DAY TEACHER – BALDWIN 11/11/2025

AMBER HOLTSCHLAG - TITLE 1 EXT. DAY TEACHER – LINCOLN DOUGLAS  
11/20/2025

BETH IZZO - TITLE 1 EXT. DAY TEACHER – ROONEY 11/18/2025

BETH JOHNSON - TITLE 1 EXT. DAY TEACHER – BALDWIN 11/11/2025

HANNAH KEMP - TITLE 1 EXT. DAY TEACHER – LINCOLN DOUGLAS 11/20/2025

WAYNE KRUS - TITLE 1 EXT. DAY TEACHER – BALDWIN 11/11/2025

HANNAH MARKS - TITLE 1 EXT. DAY TEACHER – LINCOLN DOUGLAS 11/20/2025

CHRISTINA MEYER – DIRECTOR OF THE ACADEMY 07/01/2026

CATHARINE MILLER - TITLE 1 EXT. DAY TEACHER – BALDWIN 11/11/2025

SHELBY MYERS - TITLE 1 EXT. DAY TEACHER – LINCOLN DOUGLAS 11/20/2025

KATHERINE NUGENT- MID-DAY CUSTODIAN -LINCOLN-DOUGLAS 11/24/2025

STEPHANIE OITKER - SPECIAL ED TEACHER- QJHS 11/24/2025

FRANCIS REED - TITLE 1 EXT. DAY TEACHER – BALDWIN 11/11/2025

TRINA ROSENBERG - CAFETERIA COOK – ECFC 12/08/2025

KEVNISHA SMITH - TITLE 1 EXT. DAY TEACHER – LINCOLN DOUGLAS  
11/20/2025

## *Resignations*

ALEXA CLAIR – PARA – ROONEY 11/21/2025

RYAN (RICCI) DULA – ASST. TRACK COACH 12/08/2025

ANDREA FISHER – PARA – QJHS 12/19/2025

REBECCA FRANKEL – PARA – DENMAN 12/19/2025

TAMMY FRENCH – SPECIAL ED TEACHER – DENMAN 01/07/2026

ANNA KAMMERER -BEFORE SCHOOL CHILD CARE ASST-ROONEY 11/10/2025

AUSTIN RIESE – ENGLISH TEACHER - QHS 12/19/2025

LEIGHA RINEY – PARA – QJHS 10/10/2025

SARAH SCHUCKMAN – PARA – LINCOLN-DOUGLAS 11/25/2025

BRIAN TEST – SECURITY GUARD – BALDWIN 01/30/2026

ANTOINETTE VIAR – PARA – QJHS 11/25/2025

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

- Risk Management Plan
- 2025 Tax Levy as presented last month
- HLS Amendment for Baldwin Upper Bleacher Replacement
- Application for School Maintenance Project Grant

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### WINTER BREAK

### NO SCHOOL

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 22 THROUGH  
MONDAY, JANUARY 5**

**TEACHER INSTITUTE MONDAY, JANUARY 5  
STUDENTS RETURN TUESDAY, JANUARY 6**

### BOARD OF EDUCATION

### OFFICES ARE CLOSED

**DECEMBER 23—25**

**AND**

**DECEMBER 31 & JANUARY 1**

*Enjoy Winter Break!*



**NO SCHOOL  
MONDAY, JANUARY 19  
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY**

