

# UPDATE

*Merry Christmas from the  
Board of Education Staff  
December 18, 2019*



## FROM SUPERINTENDENT WEBB—BOARD MEETING REVIEW

At the December meeting, Board members voted to place a 53-cent referendum on the March 17, 2020 ballot which will generate additional revenue of \$5.3M per year. Below are some of the referendum facts and information presented by Board President Sayeed Ali.

- QPS's Education Fund Tax Rate ranks 49th out of 49 Large Unit District Association (LUDA) districts.
- QPS is the only LUDA district still using the state imposed \$1.84 Education Fund Tax Rate, which was established in 1988.
- QPS's Education Fund Tax Rate is more than 73% lower than Jacksonville, Moline, and Rock Island.
- QPS's Education Fund Tax Rate is more than 48% lower than Galesburg and also lower than Barry, Bowen, Payson, and Mendon.
- QPS had 143 certified employees resign over the past three years. (43 in 2019, 53 in 2018, and 47 in 2017).
- According to the Evidence-Based Funding Model, the State owes QPS an additional \$22M annually to be considered 100% funded. QPS is currently funded at 72% by the State of Illinois.
- QPS started 2017-18 with 13.5 unfilled positions and started 2018-19 with 21.5 unfilled positions. However, QPS was creative and temporarily filled these positions with retired teachers, long-term substitutes, CBE teachers, etc. Only 3.5 positions were truly unfilled all year for both years. This number consisted of school psychologists and school social workers.
- In July of 2017, the State of Illinois was behind two categorical payments and the state budget had not been passed. There was a threat that QPS would not receive its General State Aid Payments. At that time, the State owed QPS \$2.9M in back payments. QPS was able to open its doors and operate only on local property taxes. Loan options were considered to keep QPS doors open.
- QPS has issues with behavior and disruption in some classrooms in our schools. These issues affect other students, parents, our team members, and the community's confidence in the district's ability to provide top tier education inside our classrooms and buildings.

*If these trends continue, the Board feels we will be forced to hire teachers that we do not want in our classrooms educating our students.*

- The Board has focused on the district's leadership positions and has total confidence in leadership at all levels.
- Superintendent Webb has led by example and has committed to be the QPS superintendent until he retires.
- QPS does not have an option to increase revenue; therefore, the alternative is to cut expenditures.
- QPS has reduced FTE at central office (executives) by three.
- All buildings were asked to cut expenditures and the result was a total cost reductions of \$1.8.
- New buildings have increased efficiencies and have reduced costs.
- The QPS building project was two years ahead of schedule finishing with approximately \$1.8M in unused funds.
- In 2013, QPS's total tax rate was \$4.13. Today, the total tax rate is \$3.95.
- The community shows faith in the decisions of the current Board through two uncontested board elections.

For more information and a video of President Ali's presentation, go to [www.qps.org](http://www.qps.org) or our Facebook page.

*Happy holidays to all of you!  
Enjoy your break!*

*Roy Webb*

# PERSONNEL

## Appointments/Change in Assignment.

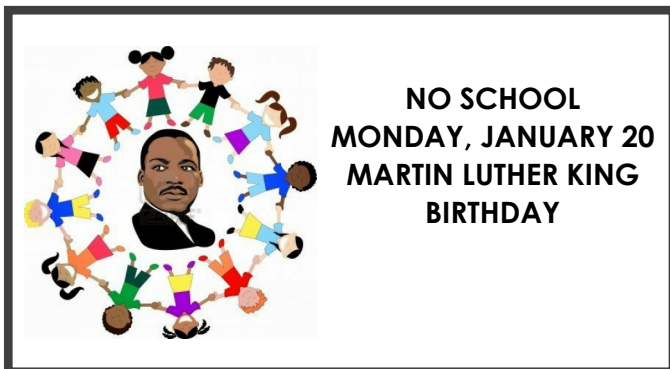
MIKE LLEWELLYN – HEAD 8<sup>TH</sup> GRD VOLLEYBALL COACH  
KAILEY OWSLEY – HEAD 7<sup>TH</sup> GRD VOLLEYBALL COACH  
JESSICA GENENBACHER – PARA QHS  
SUSAN MERREIGHN – COOK QHS  
DALLAS GARCIA – PARA ECFC  
STEPHEN CULLO – SECURITY GUARD ABC ACADEMY  
JENNA HICKMAN – FAM SUPP SPEC ECFC  
SUSAN ZANGER – PARA LDE  
STACY ACHILLES – COOK BALDWIN  
KIJANNA EDWARDS – PARA QHS  
BRIAN TEST – SECURITY GUARD ECFC  
CARRIE SMITH – COOK ROONEY  
CATHERINE BRUENING – TITLE 1 SSFL NON-PUBLIC  
SHERYL PERRY – PARA ILES

## Resignations—

BRANDY EMBRY – PARA ABC ACADEMY 12/31/19  
ERICA CORRIVEAU – SSFL DENMAN 12/4/19  
EMY HILGENBRINCK – PARA ECFC 12/20/19  
BEN DOMBROSKI – 9<sup>TH</sup> HR EXT DAY QHS 12/17/19  
KARI FOULK – 3<sup>RD</sup> GRD LDE 12/20/19  
JAMES EDDY – ASST WRESTLING COACH QJHS 11/21/19  
GLORI DUESTERHAUS – QHS PT CASE MANAGER 12/20/19  
JEANNE PULS—CUSTODIAN QJHS 12/20/19

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

- **Risk Management Plan**—no changes from last year.
- **2019 Tax Levy** as presented last month.
- **Submission of the Property Tax Relief Grant.** It is unlikely QPS would be awarded this grant, as other Illinois school districts with higher tax rates would be first to receive this funding.
- **School Resource Officer (SRO) Memorandum of Understanding** with Quincy Police Department.



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## WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 23  
THROUGH  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 3**

**SCHOOL RESUMES  
MONDAY, JANUARY 6**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OFFICES ARE CLOSED  
MONDAY-WEDNESDAY  
DECEMBER 23-25  
TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY  
DECEMBER 31-JANUARY 1**

## THANK YOU!

QHS Music Department Students and  
Staff for the beautiful Vespers  
Program which truly reflected  
the spirit of the season.

