

# UPDATE

Quincy Public Schools  
October 18, 2007



## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS

Assistant Superintendent Trish Viniard presented information to the Board about the School Improvement Plans throughout the district, as well as the District Improvement Plan. She explained that each school has a School Improvement team consisting of administrators, teachers, other staff members, parents, community members and (where appropriate) students. The team analyzes data from a variety of sources—including Stanford Achievement Test (SAT), Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT), Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE), and other building and/or district assessments, such as the Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA)—and identifies the school's current attributes, challenges and areas for target improvement. Goals are then set, and detailed activities, strategies, and/or implementation plans to meet the goals are established. Each School Improvement Plan is quite lengthy, but a summary of the School Improvement Plan can be found on the last page of each school's Illinois School Report Card document. The School Report Cards are available on the district's website at [www.qps.org](http://www.qps.org).

Mrs. Viniard reported that a common goal and theme among all eleven school sites is increasing literacy achievement. Most schools have developed separate reading and writing goals. A number of schools have also targeted math achievement and several are also focusing on school climate.

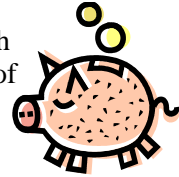
The following District Improvement goals were developed using all schools' data and goals:

### District Improvement Plan Goals

- Goal 1:** Improve QPS students' performance in reading and writing.
- Goal 2:** Improve QPS students' performance in math.
- Goal 3:** Improve QPS students' performance in science.
- Goal 4:** Improve the academic performance of our IEP (special education) population.
- Goal 5:** Increase the graduation and attendance rates of QPS students.
- Goal 6:** Improve the identification of and the timely service/support provided to students needing intervention, consequently ensuring accurate identification (eliminating or minimizing over-identification) of students within special education.

## 2006-2007 AUDIT

Business Manager Rich Royalty presented a summary of the 2006-2007 audit report presented to the Finance Committee by Tim Custis from the district's auditing firm, Gorenz and Associates. Total fund equity as of June 30, 2007 had an ending balance of \$55,609,146. After subtracting the district's fixed assets amount of (\$50,060,316) and (\$1,920,832) for the restricted funds which include bond and interest, IMRF, fire prevention, self-insurance and flexible benefit plan, the total net equity in the operating funds totaled \$3,627,998. This is up from (\$459,806) net equity as of June 30, 2006. Revenues increased in the Operating Fund by \$4,486,744 in 2006-2007 when compared with 2005-2006 revenues. Expenses increased \$4,326,690 over the prior year. For the year, revenue of \$57,268,952 exceeded expenses of \$54,147,910—a difference of \$3,121,042. The district continues to reverse deficit spending.



A comparison showed that in 2006, the average operating expense per pupil for Quincy Schools was \$7,576 while the state average was \$9,078.

## CONGRATULATIONS

### *QHS GOLF TEAM*

**QHS Golf Team and Coach Doug Bruner**—the team finished 2nd in the IHSA Class 3A State Championship. **Luke Guthrie** won his 2nd individual state title. Following are the team members and their two-day scores:

<b>Connor Daniels</b>	151
<b>Parker Freiburg</b>	159
<b>Luke Guthrie</b>	139
<b>Dan McCleery</b>	160
<b>Wade Roberts</b>	163

**NICK LANTZ**  
**QHS SOCCER PLAYER**  
**OUTSTANDING**  
**SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD**  
from Fort Zumwalt School District.

## QHS STUDENT AWARDS

AP SCHOLAR AWARDS  
**JOSHUA BOOHER**  
**KATHRYN DICKHUT**  
**JENNA CASADY**  
ANDREW CUTHBERTSON  
**BENJAMIN EFTINK**  
**SAMUEL HYDE**  
**KELSEY SMITH**

NATIONAL MERIT  
SCHOLARSHIP SEMIFINALISTS  
**JENNA CASADY**  
**KAYLEE WIESEMANN**

NATIONAL MERIT  
COMMENDED STUDENTS  
**JOSHUA BOOHER**  
**IVYLYN PAUL**  
**JOHN SEIFERT**

### PERSONNEL

#### RESIGNATIONS

**TABITHA SCHLIEKER**-special education ECFC. October 5. **JILL EKLE-BERRY**-bus driver. September 9. **DEBORAH DITTMER**-bus driver. October 5. **KAREN GOLAY**-bus driver. August 17. **NEAL BAKER**-security guard at 14th Alternative. October. 31.

#### RETIREMENT

**DONNA KOLAS**-special education secretary. December 31, 2007.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

**LISA OTTEN**, teacher Baldwin North. Effective for the 2007-2008 school year.



In other action, the Board approved:

- Submission of School Library Per Capita Grant
- Summer 2008 Life Safety and QZAB Projects
- Policy Manual Section 6

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## OCTOBERFEST

**Saturday, October 20**  
**Marching Band Parade**  
**& Field Competition**

Parade—2 pm  
33rd & Maine to 14th & Maine

Field competition 5:15 pm  
Flinn Stadium (doors open at 3 pm)

Field competition admission  
\$5.00 for adults  
\$4.00 for students



## BYE, BYE BIRDIE

*November 7, 8, 9, 10—7:30 p.m.*  
*Sunday, November 11—2:00 p.m.*  
*Adults \$14.00*  
*Students \$9.00*  
*Senior Citizen \$9.00*  
*on Wednesday, November 7 only*

*The QHS Orchestra and Choir parents are presenting a Spaghetti Supper on Wednesday, November 9 and Saturday November 10. Serving starts at 5 p.m. and ends at 7 p.m.*

## WESTERN ILLINOIS SCHOOL EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION

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