## **ACPS Quarterly District Newsletter**

## THE SCOOP

## Spring 2024 Volume VII

**June Edition** 





## **※ IMPORTANT ※**DATES

4th Marking Period Report Cards June 21, 2024

Dr. MLK Jr. School Complex 8th Grade Stepping Up June 13, 2024 9:00 a.m.

Sovereign Avenue School 8th Grade Stepping Up June 13, 2024 10:00 a.m.

Uptown School Complex 8th Grade Stepping Up June 13, 2024 11:00 a.m.

Richmond Avenue School 8th Grade Stepping Up June 14, 2024 9:00 a.m.

Texas Avenue School 8th Grade Stepping Up June 14, 2024 11:00 a.m.

New York Avenue School 8th Grade Stepping Up June 17, 2024 9:00 a.m.

Chelsea Heights School 8th Grade Stepping Up June 18, 2024 9:00 a.m.

Pennsylvania Avenue School 8th Grade Stepping Up June 18, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Atlantic City High School Graduation Jim Whelan Boardwalk Hall June 20, 2024 1:30 p.m.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



*Dr. La'Quetta S. Small* Superintendent of Schools

Dear Atlantic City Public Schools Staff, Students, Families and Community,

As we approach the end of this school year, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to our Atlantic City School District family. Your steadfast dedication and tireless efforts in service to our students have been inspiring. The exceptional talents, creativity, and perseverance exhibited by our students, both within and beyond the classroom, have been truly remarkable. From academic milestones to artistic triumphs, athletic feats, and community outreach endeavors, their hard work and dedication continue to illuminate our district.

Looking ahead, our commitment remains unwavering: to prioritize the safety and well-being of our school community. I urge all parents and guardians to maintain open channels of communication with our educators and administrators. Your partnership and involvement are indispensable to our students' growth. We value your insight and encourage you to contribute ideas that will further fortify our educational endeavors.

To Atlantic City High School graduates and 8th grade students who are Stepping Up, congratulations! You have worked diligently to reach this milestone, and this is only one of many accomplishments that you will achieve as you pursue your academic goals. Please understand that life will be filled with roadblocks, detours, missing signs, stop signs and sometimes no signs. You must be prepared for all traffic diversions in your life and press on and strive for excellence despite your circumstances.

Cheers to a summer filled with success and fulfillment for everyone!!! June 20, 2024!

AC Pride! AC Strong!

### **ACBOE 2024-2025 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

Total Budget: \$285,751,681

Total Operating Budget: \$258,061,826
 Total Grants: \$22,669,426
 Debt Service: \$5,020,429

• Total Budget: \$285,751,681



#### **Local Financing:**

- The 2023-2024 budget shows its commitment to the residents of this great city by reducing the general fund local tax levy by \$506, 475
- Surplus increased by \$5,954,051 or 45% over the 2023-2024 school year

#### State Aid:

- State Aid accounts for 48.91% of the 2024-2025 General Fund Budget
- Revenue from State Sources increased by \$4,410,869 or 3.26% over what was received in the 2023-2024 school year





#### **DISTRICT MISSION**

Atlantic City Public Schools and members of the community believe in the development of the whole child. Together we are committed to providing a nurturing, safe and stimulating environment for all students to continuously learn and grow.

#### **DISTRICT VISION**

All students will be actively engaged and supported as they learn and grow on the journey to become independent, lifelong learners equipped for the 21st Century.

#### ATLANTIC CITY **BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS**



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**Tracy Riley Board Solicitor** 



## **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

Dr. La'Quetta S. Small, Superintendent of Schools Dr. LaKecia Hyman, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction **Celeste Ricketts, School Business Administrator** Michael Bird, Director of Special Projects & Assessments Christopher Ford, Director of Athletics **Donald Harris, Director of Secondary Education** Tracy-Marie Moody, Director of Student Services & Special Education Atiba Rose, Sr., Director of Operations **Diane Saunders. Director of Human Resources** Shelley Williams, Director of Elementary Education



#### Harassment, Intimidation and **Bullving (HIB)**

The Board of Education prohibits acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying of a student. A safe and civil environment in school is necessary for students to learn and achieve high academic standards. Harassment, intimidation, or bullying, like other disruptive or violent behaviors, is conduct that disrupts both a student's ability to learn and a school's ability to educate its students in a safe and disciplined environment. For more information, visit www.acboe.org.

PREVENTION

LIFELINE

1-800-273-TALK (8255)



Atlantic City Public Schools would like to welcome

Tracy-Marie Moody

as the new **Director of Student Services & Special Education** 



# Retirement

DANIEL ANGELO - DISTRICT TEACHER COORDINATOR PRIMARY ELA

JOSEPH BRENNAN - TEACHER SPECIAL ED

TRACEY BROWN - TEACHER SPECIAL ED

DOROTHY BULLOCK-FERNANDES - PRINCIPAL

**MARK CHANDO - TEACHER SCIENCE** 

SCOTT CIANCI - PARAPROFESSIONAL INSTR SPECIAL ED

JENNIFER COUTHEN - TEACHER ESL

**MATTHEW FREUND - ED MEDIA SPECIALIST** 

LISA HOLLAND- TEACHER ART

**LINDA HOLMES - TEACHER GRADE 7 MATH** 

**PAUL HOOD - SAFETY OFFICER** 

MILAGROS C HOWARD - TEACHER SPANISH

**KENDALE INGRUM - TEACHER SPANISH** 

**MARGARET JULIAN - TEACHER GRADE 7 MATH** 

**JONATHAN LAMM - TEACHER LATIN** 

LYNNE LOHR - TEACHER GRADE 4

**TIMOTHY MANCUSO - TEACHER GRADE 4** 

ABUSAYED MASHIHUZZAMAN- PARAPROFESSIONAL

INSTRUCTIONAL

J LYNN MCENTEE - TEACHER ESL

**JOHN MILLIGAN - TEACHER SPECIAL ED** 

**RONALD MORRISON - MAINTENANCE WORKER** 

**CHRISTINE POWERS - TEACHER GRADE 1** 

WILMA RODRIGUEZ - SECRETARY EARLY CHILDHOOD

**BARBARA SHUMSKI - TEACHER SPECIAL ED** 

**VARNESA TOOMER - TEACHER ART** 

**HEIDI WENTZ - TEACHER GRADE 2** 

# BEST WISHES ON YOUR RETIREMENT!



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development? Call us!

All Calls Are Confidential

Email your questions, concerns, and acknowledgements to WebMaster@acboe.org



## 2023-2024 Employment Opportunities

#### **TEACHING POSITIONS**

Art

Apparel & Textile

**Business** 

Elementary

**English** 

**ESL** 

Health & Physical Education

Latin

Math

Music

Science

**Social Studies** 

Spanish

**Special Education** 

## MAY YOU





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AND THE DIFFERENCE



#### **EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PERSONNEL**

School Library Media Specialist School Nurse Sign Language Interpreter

#### **SUPPORT STAFF**

Paraprofessional Safety Officer Custodian

### **HOW TO APPLY:**

Applications accepted online at www.acboe.org or connect directly to the Atlantic City Public Schools' online application at http://www.applitrack.com/acboe/onlineapp.



## SPRING CONVOCATION PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY



















## + Staff Spotlight



## District Teacher of the Year Julia Smith - Pennsylvania Avenue School Educational Service Professional of the Year Building Level

Deborah Tormey - Atlantic City High School
Linda Guzman - Brighton Avenue School
Mary Kent - Chelsea Heights School
Catherine Days - Dr. MLK Jr. School Complex
Whitney Howze - New York Avenue School
Kelly Muskett - Pennsylvania Avenue School
Timia Johnson - Richmond Avenue School
Carol Lingan - Sovereign Avenue School
Justin Pryor - Texas Avenue School
Kellie Iacovone - Uptown School Complex
Kendra Warren - Venice Park School

### Teacher of the Year Building Level

Diane Saunders- Director of Human Resources

District Educational Service Professional

of the Year

Deborah Tormey- Atlantic City High School

Frank Manzo - Atlantic City High School
Christine Smith - Brighton Avenue School
Kathleen Sadowski - Chelsea Heights School
Ian Mahler - Dr. MLK Jr. School Complex
Portia Wood - New York Avenue School
Julia Smith - Pennsylvania Avenue School
Justin Goods - Richmond Avenue School
Michael Holloway - Sovereign Avenue School
Latisha Edwards - Texas Avenue School
Mala Kyles - Uptown School Complex
Cecilia Mirabella - Venice Park School

#### **Exemplary Teacher Awards**

Kerri Harvey - Atlantic City High School John Demones - Uptown School Complex

## Exemplary Educational Service Professional Awards

Elizabeth Kelly- New York Avenue School & Dr. MLK Jr. School Complex
Lisa Williams- Brighton Avenue School

#### District Vice-Principal of the Year Samantha Sickler - Atlantic City High School

School Secretary of the Year
Evelyn Padilla - ACHS
Special Education Educator of the Year
Sandy Gehringer - PAS
Safety Officer of the Year
Ivan Lassiter - ACHS

Elemenary Education Awards
Jose Jacobo - District
Adhan Perez - SAS

Secondary Education Awards Charneen Lively -MLK Penelope Kelly - RAS

Human Resources Professional of the Year Cheryl Brock - District Parent Resource Center Educator of the Year

Jacqueline Brown - USC

Control Peristration Professional of the Vear

Central Registration Professional of the Year Millie Russell - District

Title 1 Educator of the Year
Ledford Mack - USC
Custodian of the Year
Kendall Brown - SAS

Maintenance Worker of the Year Jean Jorge-Ayala - ACHS Operations Professional of the Year

Gabriela Figueroa - District

Information Technology Professional of the Year

Nancy Ireland - ACHS

Business Office Professional of the Year

Business Office Professional of the Year Takiya Wilson - (District)

## **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**

























## **District Events**

The Chelsea Heights School held a Mother and Daughter Tea and Paint Party on Tuesday, May 28, 2024.

CHS Mother and Daughter Jea and Paint

























The New York Avenue School Knights won the Champion's March portion of the battle. The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. School Complex Tigers won the Ultimate Showdown.

Elementary **Cheerleading** Competition











**Ryhanna Tran** Chelsea Heights School



Anivah Isahella Wilkins Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. School Complex



Fatima Akram New York Avenue School



Marty Small, Jr. Pennsylvania Avenue School



**Umaiza Amirah** Richmond Avenue School



Celine Pham Sovereign Avenue School



Fatima Mohammed Morshed Texas Avenue



Sebastian Rivera **Uptown School** Complex

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TOP



## **District Events**







**Autism Awareness Fun Dav** 







The Gentlemen of the Shore, Inc. hosted the 11th Annual Austism Awareness Fun Day for **ACPS** students





**PAS Blows Bubbles for Austism Awareness** 

Pennsylvania Avenue School blew bubbles for Autism Awareness Month on April 11, 2024













**VPS Blows Bubbles for Austism Awareness** 

The Venice Park School also blew bubbles for Autism Awareness













## **ATLANTIC CITY HIGH SCHOOL'S TOP 10 SENIORS**





#1 Nusrat Uddin **Rutgers University** 





#2 Ellie Carrasco Columbia University



#3 Sophia Rose Mammucari **Harvard University** 



#4 Muntaha Mim **Rutgers University** 



#5 Saif Naser University of Arizona



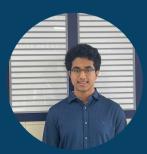
#6 Maxwell Duerr Lafayette College



#7 Debesh Malakar **Rutgers University** 



#8 Christina Wu **Rutgers University** 



#9 Zarif Ahanaf **Rutgers University** 



#10 Orshi Afra **Rutgers University** 





## ACHS Girls' Crew Team Wins National Championship



The Atlantic City High School girls' crew team won the Scholastic Rowing Association National Championship on Saturday, May 25, 2024, in Pennsauken, New Jersey. This was the first National Championship since 1996.

Congratulations to the Lady Vikings!!!

# ACHS POW A Night in Rio! MAY 23, 2024



Congratulations to prom King and Queen Lynette Cooper (Left) and Adolfo Hernandez

Congratulations to prom Prince and Princess Khajuan Roseborough (Left) and Griselda Zuniga



## ACHS Swimmer James Haney Breaks State Record, Wins Championship



The 18-year-old senior from Chelsea Heights took first place at the State Individual Swimming Championships for the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 48.56 seconds. Haney won two events at the Cape-Atlantic League (CAL) Championships. On Tuesday, March 19, 2024, Haney announced that he will attend the University of Delaware.

## U.S. Coast Guard Flies in For ACHS JROTC Program









The United States Coast Guard landed a bright orange helicopter with white markings at Atlantic City High School on Thursday, March 14, 2024, to talk to Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) students about the future.



## 2024 Elementary Track Championship



## 5/6 DOYS TRACK WILLER PENISYLVANIA AVENUE SCHOOL

- 1. Pennsylvania Avenue School
- 2. Dr. MLK Jr. School Complex
- 3. Sovereign Avenue School





- 1. Uptown School Complex
- 2. Richmond Avenue School
- 3. New York Avenue School





#### 1/6 GIRLS TRACK WINNER TOWN SCHOOL COMPLEX

- 1. Uptown School Complex
- 2. Chelsea Heights School
- 3. Dr. MLK Jr. School Complex





- 1. Richmond Avenue School
- 2. Pennsylvania Avenue School
- 3. Dr. MLK Jr. School Complex





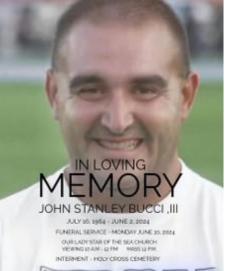


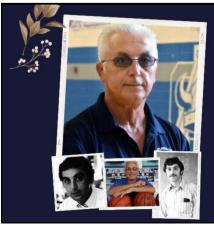












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## 2024 BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS









## 2024 Basketball All-Star Games











## **District Events**



















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## Dr. MIK Jr. School Complex

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. School Complex hosted the City of **Atlantic City Recreation** Department's 3-point Showcase on Wednesday, March 27, 2024. Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver A.J. Brown was the special guuest.











## **District Events**









## Congratulations!

Atlantic County Top Student Recognition Awards Banquet June 5, 2024





Atlantic County Teacher and Educational Services
Professionals Banquet
May 22, 2024







## **Atlantic City High School Atlantic City Chapter**



Induction Ceremony 2024







DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SCHOOL COMPLEX **HELD NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION MAY 14, 2024** 



**UPTOWN SCHOOL COMPLEX HELD NATIONAL** JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION **APRIL 26, 2024** 











Last day of school is Friday, June 21, 2024 (Early dismissal)



Preschool and Kindergarten Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is NOW OPEN!

Complete the Online application to Pre-Register and schedule your telephone appointment. The link for the online application can be found on our website under the central registration department.

If you have any questions, please email us at centralregistration@acboe.org

## ATLANTIC CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS **Early Childhood Department**

**Preschool & Kindergarten Registration** 2024-2025 School Year



**APPOINTMENTS BEGIN MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024** 

**REGISTRATION ONLINE APPLICATION OPENS FEBRUARY 29. 2024** 

COMPLETE ONLINE APPLICATION AND SCHEDULE A TELEPHONE APPOINTMENT

"MUST HAVE A VALID EMAIL ADDRESS AND A WORKING PHONE NUMBER FOR CONTACT"

PRE K3: 3 YEARS OLD BY OCTOBER 1, 2024 PRE K4: 4 YEARS OLD BY OCTOBER 1, 2024 **KINDERGARTEN: 5 YEARS OLD BY OCTOBER 1, 2024** 



Please follow the steps below to register for the 2024-2025 school year in Atlantic City School District:

- Parents should collect all the required documents listed below before scheduling a telephone appointment
- Complete pre-registration online application and schedule a telephone appointment
- Central Registration will *contact* you via telephone either on or before your scheduled telephone appointment
- Be prepared to submit all the required documents to the Central Registration Representative in its entirety (Make sure all documents are clear and legible; partial documentation will not be accepted)
- Once all documents are received, the child's folder will be processed and submitted to The Early Childhood Department
- The Early Childhood Department will be in contact with parents to complete the enrollment process
- Please Note: If you are living with a friend/family member, that person must provide their lease/mortgage, ID and a notarized affidavit (Request for an affidavit can be picked up or emailed)
- If you register under an affidavit the parent/guardian registering the child must have 4 proofs of residency in their
- · Preschool students are required to have a physical and a flu shot prior to enrollment

#### REQUIREMENTS

- Birth Certificate
- Physical/Dental Form signed by
- Mortgage/Lease
- Parents/Guardians Photo ID
- Custody/Guardianship Document
- **Acceptable Proofs of Residency**
- Lease (Mandatoru) Bank Statement
- Driver's License
- Home Deed/Mortgage Bill
- Property Tax Bill
- Gas/Electric Bill
- Cable
- Phone Bill

#### If you have any questions, please reach out to:

Angela Mason: amason@acboe.org (609) 343-7200 ext. 5001 Mildred Russell: mrussell@acboe.org (609) 343-7200 ext. 5027 Ivelisse Lopez: ilopez@acboe.org (609) 343-7200 ext. 5146

#### PRESCHOOL IS AVAILABLE AT THESE **LOCATIONS:**

- BRIGHTON AVENUE SCHOOL
- DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMPLEX
- NEW YORK AVENUE SCHOOL 🕻



- RICHMOND AVENUE SCHOOL
- SOVEREIGN AVENUE SCHOOL 🎤 UPTOWN SCHOOL COMPLEX 🥞
- VENICE PARK SCHOOL









