

## UPDATE November 30, 2022: From the desk of Superintendent Mark J. Decker

Dear QTS Staff and School Board Members!

### Providing you a shopping list (tis the season) of updates:

- Cameras are now online on administrator laptops and Active Panels, Todd and Mario continuing to fine tune the angles and get the right set up. Gus, Todd, Cole and I are learning the many features of the camera's software. It is hard to come and go in this facility without a record of it. Phase 1 key cards track who is in the building, Phase 2 are cameras capture and store video long term and Phase 3 will come online with Security Alarms.
- NEXT UP: Security codes for the Alarms. This will require some staff training.
- Safety team is getting in the groove. Megan represents K6; Alice represents 7-12; Gus and Cole are co-safety officers for the building. Expect a drill in December.
- The Construction Company Graham and Vanir are wrapping up work here at QTS. They have whittled the list down to about 10 items to be resolved. The big issue remains to be doors.
- The School Board is working on Policy reviews by conducting special meetings. If you want to learn about their progress please read the unofficial minutes from Nov 28 [LINK](#)
- Page Foster is assisting Bonnie Jackson, School Board Chairperson on the new Superintendent search. This will be a topic at the December 13, 2022 School Board meeting. The School Board wants your feedback and attendance at meetings, please consider attending.
- Tammy LaPlante's Grade 3 class accepted a challenge from Superintendent Decker to construct a device that would support him out of cardboard and duct tape. We had a mini-physics lesson and they decided they would go with a low flat design that will spread his weight out more. Good luck Grade 3!
- I appreciate the covered food trays in the hallway. Gus and I are noticing go trays stuffed in hallway garbage cans and some classrooms, which creates questions. Reminder the eating locations for grade 7-12 students include the Cafeteria, Student Center, and outside if nice. Separate email sent out to Grade 7-12 staff from the Superintendent on this matter.
- Our food services audit final report came back with 18 findings. About nine of the findings are more systematic changes and nine of the findings are quick fixes. The three takeaways are (1) QTS Food Service needs a consistent source of fruits and vegetables for 9-12 lunches, along with protein for all at breakfast. A consistent salad bar 3-5 times per week would solve many of our issues.; (2) QTS Food Service needs more accurate record keeping process; (3) QTS Food Service can no longer charge afternoon snacks before 3:45 pm to USDA, it must come from another funding source, which will happen.
- Cody is leading the parent JOM committee to discuss funding some playground equipment. The meeting is next week. Thank you Lakhina and Megan for collecting feedback and getting it to Cody for the K6 covered play area recommendations.
- QTS needs to not have standard soccer balls in the covered play area. The potential for injury is high for students and staff in a small area to be kicking standard balls. Cody is ordering nerf like materials until the JOM committee makes some recommendations.
- The School Calendar was updated for correct testing/assessment dates (iReady). A separate email and calendar notice on the QTS Internal ONLY Google Staff Calendar was sent to staff regarding this matter on Nov 29th.
- A separate email and calendar notice on the QTS Internal ONLY Google Staff Calendar was sent to staff processes for school closure should we have weather this week that cancels school.

- QTS ASB is bringing Chance Rush to QTS as a motivational speaker. Check out [www.chancerush.com](http://www.chancerush.com)
- This morning a Public Health Alert was sent out in a separate email and entered into a calendar notice on the QTS Internal ONLY Google Staff Calendar.
- Winter Break is right around the corner! Friday, December 16 is an early release at 1:50 pm as normal for students. All employees except 12 month employees will be released on Admin leave from 2-4 pm. Enjoy your winter break. Recall employees if you take leave on the 16th you cannot use admin leave for two hours.
- Friday, December 23, 2022 all 12 month employees (Mark, Gus, Todd, Mario, Caryn, Page, Cody, Ed, Nathan, Thomas, Vern, James, Leroy) will be released at 2 pm for admin leave. Recall 12 month employees if you take vacation or sick leave on the 23rd you cannot use admin leave for two hours.
- School will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 to regular schedules. The reason for the Tuesday start is when the New Year Holiday falls on a Sunday the next day after is considered the work holiday.
- For the most part, QTS offices will be closed with limited openings December 19, 2022 through January 2, 2023. Enjoy your extended winter break!
- As always the update is posted on the QTS Internal ONLY Google Staff Calendar at 6 pm Nov 30th.
- I will be out of the office on Friday, December 2nd, as per the leave calendar. Cole with support from Todd and Gus are in charge.

Lots of events coming up in the next couple of weeks, don't get left out be sure you are checking the Google calendars for current information and the weekly events scheduled:

- QTS Public Events Calendar
- QTS Leave Calendar (unofficial report of people out of the building)
- QTS Internal ONLY Google Staff Calendar
- QTS Facilities Calendar
- QTS Professional Development