

# THE SCOOP



## IMPORTANT DATES

### Report Card Dates

2nd Marking Period  
Report Cards  
February 15, 2023

Interim Report Cards  
March 1, 2023

3rd Marking Period  
Report Cards  
April 26, 2023

Interim Report Cards  
May 12, 2023

4th Marking Period  
Report Cards  
June 16, 2023

## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



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

As we approach the end of the second quarter, we remain committed to providing a safe, positive and stimulating learning environment. I embrace the excitement and challenges as we prepare our students to reach their highest potential. As we strive for excellence in our school district, we will continue to work diligently to empower students to become problem solvers and critical thinkers.

We recognize the core of our school district is based on relationships between our parents, students, staff, community and the board of education. Let's continue to utilize our collective strength to provide the best education for all students who attend Atlantic City Public Schools. You are valued and we appreciate your involvement and support.

Through positive collaboration our dedicated staff will strive to make a positive difference in the life of each student entrusted to us. Thank you!



## VIKING PRIDE. VIKING STRONG.

College  
SIGNING DAY



Congratulations to Atlantic City High School athletes who signed Division One National Letters of Intent.



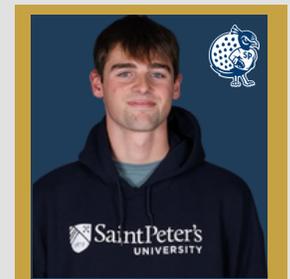
**Madeline Dischert**  
Rider University  
Cross Country



**Grace Gaskill**  
University of Miami  
Rowing



**Quanirah Cherry-Montague**  
Mississippi State University  
Basketball



**John Sahl**  
Saint Peter's University  
Swimming

### 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.



### ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

- Dr. La'Quetta S. Small, Superintendent of Schools
- Dr. LaKecia Hyman, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
- Atiba Rose, Assistant Superintendent C&I
- Celeste Ricketts, School Business Administrator
- Michael Bird, Director of Special Projects & Assessments
- Barry Caldwell, Interim Director of Operations
- Gabrielle Caldwell, Director of Elementary Education
- Christopher Ford, Director of Athletics
- Donald Harris, Director of Secondary Education
- Pamela Hennelly, Director of Student Services & Special Education
- Diane Saunders, Director of Human Resources

### ATLANTIC CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS



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### Uniform Policy

Acceptable Uniforms  
PreK - 8th Grades

Navy Blue Short or Long Sleeve Polo  
Tan Pants or Skirt



White Short or Long Sleeve Polo  
Navy Pants or Skirt



Solid-colored blue or white sweaters only.  
No hoodies are allowed.  
Girls must wear blue or white tights only.

For more information please visit the district's homepage. [www.acboe.org](http://www.acboe.org)



### Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (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](http://www.acboe.org).



### Welcome to our new Atlantic City Board of Education members



Kashawn McKinley



Hollisha Bridgers



# District News

Atlantic City Public Schools would like to welcome Samuel McGee as the new Vice Principal of Atlantic City High School



**Samuel McGee**

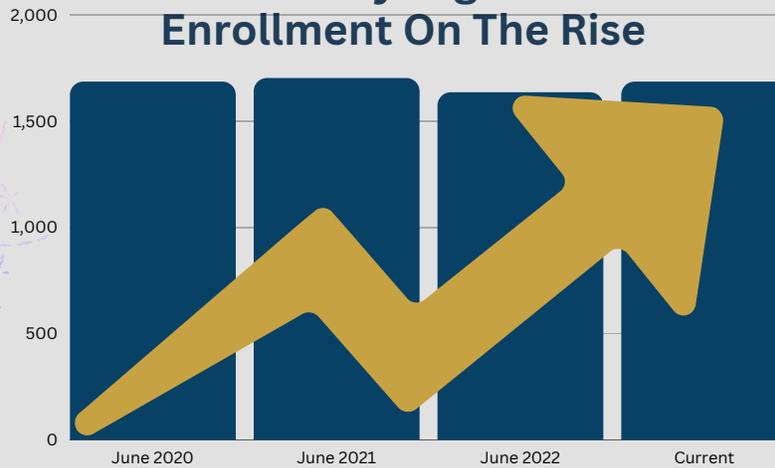
*Vice Principal, Atlantic City High School*

## MARK CUBAN FOUNDATION Artificial Intelligence Bootcamp

Twenty Atlantic City High School students attended introductory Artificial Intelligence Bootcamp at the South Jersey Industries headquarters from October 23 to November 13, thanks to a collaboration with the Mark Cuban Foundation and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.



## Atlantic City High School Enrollment On The Rise



June 2020 - 1,684  
 June 2021 - 1,701  
 June 2022 - 1,634  
 Current - 1,681



## Pennsylvania Avenue School's *Student Voices Committee* Speaks Out About the Transition Back to In-Person Learning

"Some things that I found different being at home than being in a classroom, are in a classroom I can get more help and have more understanding of what I'm doing."



"The transition was different because we got out of the daily routine of being in school everyday, and we had to get used to it again."

# ACPS Community Engagement Events



## Atlantic City Masons donated backpacks to kindergarten students at New York Avenue School



## Pennsylvania Avenue School's Chat & Chew



## Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Complex's Donuts with Dad





# SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING SPOTLIGHT

SEL Coaches, Mrs. Lisa M. Williams and Ms. Danielle Newsome, presented Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Parent Workshops at Brighton Avenue School and Chelsea Heights School. The workshops were sponsored by the ACEA Families and Schools Together (FAST) Grant. The goal of the workshops was to teach parents SEL strategies and to highlight SEL implementation at Brighton Avenue School and Chelsea Heights School. Parents also learned how to incorporate SEL activities at home.

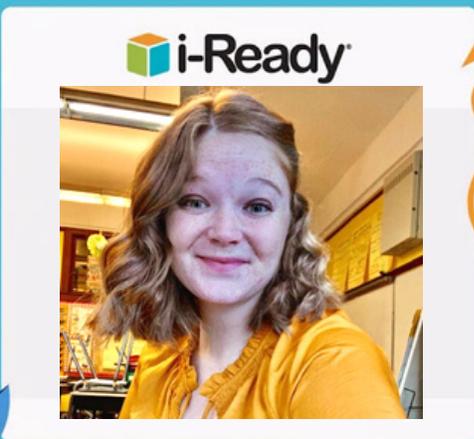
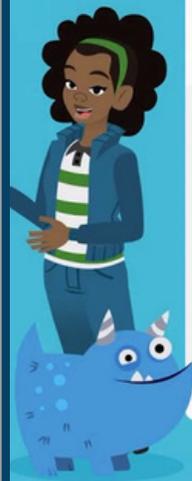


## BRIGHTON AVENUE SCHOOL



## CHELSEA HEIGHTS SCHOOL

### Congratulations to the ACPS i-Ready Educator of The Year



*Samantha Monroe  
Brighton Avenue School*

AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING PROGRAM

## PIZZA PARTY COMPETITION

**THE SCHOOL WITH THE HIGHEST AVERAGE PARTICIPATION POINTS WILL EARN A PIZZA PARTY FOR THE AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM**

**Why:** THERE IS A DIRECT CORRELATION BETWEEN PARTICIPATION POINTS AND STUDENT PROGRESS. LET'S SUPPORT ACCELERATED STUDENT OUTCOMES!

**How:** YOU WILL RECEIVE A WEEKLY EMAIL THAT REPORTS THE PARTICIPATION DATA FOR YOUR SCHOOL AND A DISTRICT-WIDE LEADERBOARD.

**When:** THE COMPETITION RUNS FOR THE WHOLE MONTH OF JANUARY. THE SCHOOL WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD!

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### COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



# 2022 HARVEST FESTIVAL

In partnership with the City of Atlantic City



## Early Childhood Department

The purpose of the Early Childhood Advisory Council is to coordinate efforts among early care and education programs, conduct needs assessments concerning early childhood education and development programs, and develop a statewide strategic report regarding early childhood education and care.

Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC) is an advisory group of community stakeholders interested in the education and welfare of children in preschool through grade three that is convened by the school district (N.J.A.C.6A:13A-1.2).

*The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, 3:30 p.m. at Uptown School Complex*



Email your questions, concerns, and acknowledgements to [WebMaster@acboe.org](mailto:WebMaster@acboe.org)

**WE'RE HERE WHEN YOU NEED US.**  
24 HOURS. 7 DAYS A WEEK.



Access via school Clever account or QR code

**Project Child Find**  
A Free Referral Service

Do you have concerns about your child's development? **Call us!**  
All Calls Are Confidential

### ACPS District Newsletter Committee

Annelisea Johnson

Shanna London

Christine Nodler

Aesha Qareeb

