



THE SCOOP



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 another school year, I would like to take a moment to thank the Atlantic City School District family for your continued commitment to this educational journey. I would like to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to our dedicated staff who go above and beyond to provide our students with the best education possible. Your resilience, adaptability, and unwavering support to our students have been truly inspiring. Together, we have overcome numerous obstacles and embraced innovative teaching methods to ensure that learning never stopped. Our students have consistently demonstrated their exceptional talents, creativity, and perseverance, both in and outside the classrooms. From academic achievements to artistic accomplishments, athletic victories, and community service initiatives, our district continues to shine.

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 and stop signs. You must be prepared for all traffic diversions and press on and strive for excellence despite your circumstances. Remember, education is an ongoing and fascinating journey. Dream the impossible and never limit yourself!

Wishing everyone a successful and fulfilling summer ahead.

AC Pride! AC Strong!

ACBOE 2023-2024 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Total Budget: \$288,811,772

Local Financing:

- Local revenue sources derived from PILOT revenue and Local Tax Levy account for 25.59% of the general fund revenue
- The 2023-2024 budget shows its commitment to the residents of this great city by reducing the general fund local tax levy by \$4M (5.13%)

State Aid:

- State Aid accounts for 39.88% of the 2023-2024 General Fund Budget
- The Atlantic City School District received an increase in State Aid of \$19M for the 2023-2024 school year

Rating Action:

- Standard & Poor's Global Ratings revised its outlook to positive from stable on the Atlantic City Board of Education (BOE), NJ's underlying rating of its general obligation bonds.
- At the same time, Standard & Poor's Global Ratings affirmed its 'BBB'- underlying rating with a positive outlook on the BOE's outstanding bonds.



IMPORTANT DATES

Fredrick P. Nickles Memorial Golf Tournament
June 8, 2023

4th Marking Period Report Cards
June 16, 2023

Dr. MLK Jr. School Complex Stepping Up
June 13, 2023
9:00 a.m.

New York Avenue School Stepping Up
June 14, 2023
9:00 a.m.

Pennsylvania Avenue School Stepping Up
June 14, 2023
10:00 a.m.

Uptown School Complex Stepping Up
June 15, 2023
10:30 a.m.

Texas Avenue School Stepping Up
June 15, 2023
11:00 a.m.

Richmond Avenue School Stepping Up
June 16, 2023
10:00 a.m.

Sovereign Avenue School Stepping Up
June 16, 2023
10:00 a.m.

Chelsea Heights School Stepping Up
June 20, 2023
9:00 a.m.

Atlantic City High School Graduation
Jim Whelan Boardwalk Hall
June 21, 2023
1:30 p.m.

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



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.



Atlantic City Public Schools would like to welcome

Shelley Williams

as the new
Director of Elementary Education



District News

HAPPY Retirement

- Carol Barnes - School Secretary
- John Bucci - Paraprofessional
- Carol Buzby - Teacher of Special Education
- Gabrielle Caldwell - Director of Elementary Education
- Alice Carcilli - 6th Grade Teacher
- Alicia Caroll - Teacher of Language Arts
- Michelle Carpenter - Safety Officer
- Denise Cash - 4th Grade Teacher
- Elizabeth Dickson - 2nd Grade Teacher
- Denise DiMaio - Paraprofessional
- Rashmi Dixit - ESL Teacher
- Allyson Duncan - Custodian
- Flossie Garrett - 4th Grade Teacher
- Kevin Gilbert - Custodian
- Louise Gorham-Neblett - ESL Teacher
- Keith Gradziel - Social Studies Teacher
- Larry Holland - Foreperson
- Linda Impagliazzo - Teacher of French
- Mayra Khan - Paraprofessional
- Isabel Maldonado - Paraprofessional
- Wendy Mason - Teacher of In-School Suspension
- Paul McCully - Learning Disabilities Teacher
- Margaret McGibbon - 4th Grade Teacher
- James McGinn - 7th/8th Grade Science Teacher
- Anita McKinley - Paraprofessional
- Mary Ann Mena - District Teacher Coordinator
- Patricia Moody - Safety Officer
- Deborah Moore - Teacher Coach Literacy
- Charlotte Nagele-Boles - School Nurse
- Stephen Nagiewicz - Teacher of Science
- Marie O'Neill - Educational Interpreter Sign
- Kathleen Pecot-Johnson - Paraprofessional
- Tina Petinga - Child Study Team Secretary
- Janine Riggins - Basic Skills Teacher
- Clarissa Rodriguez - 7th/8th Grade Science Teacher
- John Ross - Athletic Trainer
- Carol Shepherd - Teacher of Special Education
- Roseann Smith - Basic Skills Teacher
- Andrew Stone - 6th Grade Teacher
- Mariann Storr - District Teacher Coordinator
- Martina Villarsen - Speech Language Specialist
- Sofia Viscaino - Paraprofessional

BEST WISHES ON YOUR RETIREMENT!



Title I Summer School Program

July 5-27, 2023
Monday-Thursday

Pre-K-8 (8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)
ACHS (7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.)

ATLANTIC CITY YOUTH SERVICES & RECREATION

"GREAT DAY!"

SUMMER CAMP

6 WEEK PROGRAM

JUNE 26TH - AUGUST 3RD

GRADES K-8

MONDAY - THURSDAY
12:30 PM - 4 PM

- UPTOWN COMPLEX
- SOVEREIGN AVE SCHOOL

*SITES WILL CONVENE AT SOLDIER'S HOME FROM 7/31 - 8/3

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

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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

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

2023-2024 Employment Opportunities



ADMINISTRATION

Vice Principal - Elementary/Middle
School Level (Job ID: 743)

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHING

(PRE-K-8)

Teacher Coordinator of Instructional Technology
(Job ID: 745)

Teacher: Preschool (Job ID: 746)

Teacher: Art (Job ID: 722)

Teacher: Elementary (Job ID: 713)

Teacher: English Language Arts (Job ID: 726)

Teacher: ESL (Job ID: 714)

Teacher: Mathematics (Job ID: 734)

Teacher Coach: Mathematics (Job ID: 742)

Teacher: Music (Job ID: 712)

Teacher: Science (Job ID: 727)

Teacher: Social Studies (Job ID: 733)

Teacher: Social Studies/Science (Job ID: 723)

Teacher: Special Education -Inclusion
(Job ID: 725)

Teacher: Special Education - Preschool Disabled
(Job ID: 668)

Teacher: Spanish (Job ID: 718)

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHING

Teacher: Music (Job ID: 736)

Teacher: English (Job ID: 719)

Teacher: ESL (Job ID: 715)

Teacher: Mathematics (Job ID: 716)

Teacher: Naval Science Instructor (Job ID: 737)

Teacher: Science (Job ID: 721)

Teacher: Social Studies (Job ID: 720)

Teacher: Special Education - Inclusion
(Job ID: 700)

Teacher: Spanish (Job ID: 717)

MAINTENANCE/CUSTODIAL

Custodian (Job ID: 744)

SECRETARIAL/CLERICAL/MANAGERIAL

School Secretary (Job ID: 730)

SECURITY/TRUANCY

Safety Officer (Job ID: 728)

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

School Guidance Counselor (Job ID: 710)

Learning Disabilities Teacher - Consultant - LDT-C
(Job ID: 724)

School Nurse (Job ID: 640)

SUPPORT STAFF

Paraprofessional - Instructional (Pre-K)
(Job ID #701)

Sign Language Interpreter (Job ID: 683)

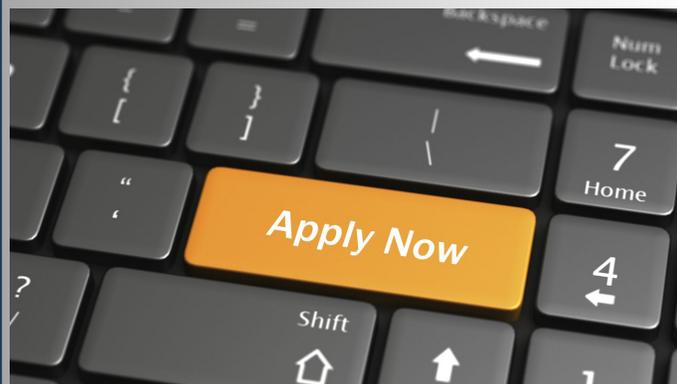
Mail Clerk (Job ID: 731)

Parent Center Assistant (Job ID: 681)

Parent Center Educator (Job ID: 680)

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>.



District News

ATLANTIC CITY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT VOICES COMMITTEE



"My name is Junyu Chang. As the President for the Atlantic City Student Council along with the Vice President Aysha Ruponte, we would like to keep you informed on the events at Atlantic City High School. ACHS hosted the first "Families Unplugged Night" in our newly opened Social Emotional Learning Lab. It was a resounding success! This innovative space serves as a safe haven for students, offering restorative interventions and nurturing their emotional growth. The SEL Lab offers a range of interventions tailored to individual student needs. These interventions include one-on-one counseling sessions, talk circles, conflict resolution workshops, and mindfulness exercises."



In the TV Production class at Atlantic City High School, students are taught how professionals execute every aspect of television.

Students anchor, report and produce all phases of the newscast. The technical jobs performed by the students include director, audio, camera work and teleprompter.



CONGRATULATIONS

Top 20 Students from the Graduating Class of 2023 at Atlantic City High School

1. **Rami Rabayah*** - Princeton University
2. **Anisha Dasgupta**** - Lehigh University
3. **Mahir Shahriar** - Rutgers University
4. **Nakib Jalal** - Rutgers University
5. **Lynna Nguyen** - Villanova University
6. **Puspita Paul** - Villanova University
7. **Noor Elmasri** - Stockton University
8. **Teimour Zaman** - Rutgers University
9. **Justin Hoang** - Stockton University
10. **Mary Wagner** - Villanova University
11. **Mayla Burns** - New York University
12. **Paul Tran** - Rutgers University
13. **Nurul Amin** - Rutgers University
14. **Jeffrey Su** - Stockton University
15. **Jafrin Jenice** - Stockton University
16. **Logen Mingo-Crockett** - Delaware State University
17. **Channon Wilson** - Stockton University
18. **Ahmed Ruposh** - Rutgers University
19. **Jason Lieu** - Rutgers University
20. **Marina Khan** - George Washington University



***Valedictorian**

****Salutatorian**

DISTRICTWIDE SEL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY



STAFF Spotlight

District Director of the Year
Gabrielle Caldwell
Director of Elementary Education

District Principal of the Year
Shelley Williams - *Richmond Avenue School*

District Vice-Principal of the Year
Jason Grimes - *Atlantic City High School*

District Teacher of the Year
Angela Cox - *Uptown School Complex*

Educational Service Professional of the Year Building Level

Support Staff of the Year District Level

District Educational Service Professional of the Year
Jordan Caldwell - *Richmond Avenue School*

Michelle Farrell - *Atlantic City High School*
Kathy Lewis - *Brighton Avenue School*
Elizabeth Kelly - *Dr. MLK Jr. Complex*
Dawn Acosta - *New York Avenue School*
Sherri Hicks - *Pennsylvania Avenue School*
Dana Vander Meulen - *Sovereign Avenue School*
Betsey Nieves - *Texas Avenue School*
Tamara Aquin - *Uptown School Complex*
Courtney Polistina - *Venice Park School*

Kawania Durand - *Title 1*
Ray Leatherwood - *Technology*
Stephanie Marshall - *Business Office*
Angela Mason - *Central Registration*
Michelle Peterson - *Human Resources*
Anthony Pitts - *Maintenance*
Aesha Qareeb - *Special Education*
Mariann Storr - *Secondary Education*
Teya Williams - *Operations*

Teacher of the Year Building Level

Thomas Biggins - *Atlantic City High School*
Gerri Hevalow - *Chelsea Heights School*
Jason Holmstrom - *Dr. MLK Jr. Complex*
Michelle Nicolas - *New York Avenue School*
Shawn Ankrah - *Pennsylvania Avenue School*
Karol Ball - *Richmond Avenue School*
Dione Tsoplakis - *Sovereign Avenue School*
Islah Muhammad - *Texas Avenue School*
Tamikka Alston - *Venice Park School*

Exemplary Teacher of the Year
Nhi-Luu - *Sovereign Avenue School*

Exemplary Educational Service Professional of the Year
Jennifer Afanador - *Richmond Avenue School*

Support Staff of the Year Building Level

Charmaine Davis - *Custodian /ACHS*
Joanne Lyons - *School Secretary /MLK*
Tyrone Russell - *Parent Resource Center/MLK*
Doniell Moody - *Safety Officer /RAS*

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS





District Events



Brighton Avenue School celebrates...

READ across AMERICA



TITLE I PARENT RESOURCE CENTER



Forever Ladies Workshop Series



ACPS & ACYS College Week

City of Atlantic City Youth Services, in partnership with Atlantic City High School, held their first-ever successful Viking Week: College & Career Event



Dr. MLK Jr. Complex

SCIENCE FAIR





District Events

District SEL coaches traveled to each school to facilitate Parent Workshops

PRESCHOOL & SEL



The Virtual Wacky Science Show



PRE-K FIELD TRIP FUN!



Autism Awareness Fun Day

The Gentlemen of the Shore, Inc. hosted a *Fun Day* for ACPS special education students





District Events

The Chelsea Heights School was proud to showcase the musical talents of its students at our Spring Festival

CHS Spring Festival



In partnership with Atlantic City Youth Services

Kingdom Kutz Barbering Academy



BRING YOUR Kids TO WORK DAY



Elementary Cheerleading Competition



ELEMENTARY SPORTS PROGRAM

5TH-8TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT



BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES



2023 Elementary Sports Championship

5/6 BOYS BASKETBALL WINNER DR. MLK JR. COMPLEX



7/8 BOYS BASKETBALL WINNER UPTOWN SCHOOL COMPLEX



5-8 GIRLS BASKETBALL WINNER PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE SCHOOL



CONGRATULATIONS

Nasir Turner '23 was honored as a Scholar Athlete at the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame of South Jersey. One senior from each school district in the county was recognized for their hard work not only on the field but most importantly, in the classroom. Nasir is an honor student with a 3.68 GPA.



CONGRATULATIONS

Myla Burns '23 will be attending, New York University in the fall as a Liberal Arts Major.

Facts about Myla:

- National Honor Society
- Varsity Girls' Tennis (1st Singles)
- Volunteer at the Jewish Family Pantry



Mayor Marty Small, Sr. Scholarship

A \$3-million city scholarship program was unveiled during a news conference at Atlantic City High School with the new funds to be spent over the next three years to help local students attend college.

Deadline to apply - June 5, 2023

Visit the City of Atlantic City's website [HERE](#)



HYDROPONIC TOWER SYSTEM

Students in the Atlantic City School District had an opportunity to grow agriculture in their schools

BRIGHTON AVENUE SCHOOL



ENJOY THE SUMMER



Last day of school is Wednesday, June 21, 2023 (Early dismissal)

Richmond Avenue School
Presents...

SEUSSICAL



CENERGISTIC AWARDS



CONGRATULATIONS!

Brighton Avenue School
 New York Avenue School
 Sovereign Avenue School
 Texas Avenue School

ACPS District Newsletter Committee

Annelisea Johnson

Shanna London

Christine Nodler

Aesha Qareeb



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