



**OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

## IMPORTANT DATES

**1st Marking Period Interim Report Cards**  
10/16/23

**Harvest Festival**  
City Hall  
10/25/23 @ 4:00 p.m.

**Early Child Advisory Council Meeting**  
Sovereign Avenue School  
11/7/23 @ 3:30 p.m.

**1st Marking Period Report Cards**  
12/4/23

**2nd Marking Period Interim Report Cards**  
1/4/2024

**2nd Marking Period Report Cards**  
2/20/2024

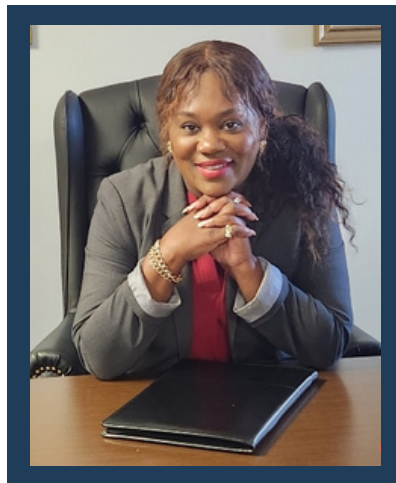
**3rd Marking Period Interim Report Cards**  
2/29/2024

**3rd Marking Period Report Cards**  
4/22/2024

**4th Marking Period Interim Report Cards**  
5/14/2024

**4th Marking Period Report Cards**  
6/21/2024

## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



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

Dear Atlantic City Public Schools,

Each year we anticipate the energy and enthusiasm that a new school year brings. Our goal is to work collaboratively to ensure our children reach their highest potential. My commitment to the district is to provide a safe, positive learning environment that will empower students to become problem solvers and critical thinkers. As we strive for excellence in our school district, trust that we will work diligently to offer the best educational experiences possible. Our schools will make every effort to provide all students with a sense of belonging while helping students develop intellectually, emotionally and socially.

To further support the emotional health of our students, we will continue to utilize the support from our social and emotional learning (SEL) staff, as well as additional school resources. I am optimistic that our dynamic staff will guide our students while making a lasting impact on their lives. We ask that everyone continue to practice frequent handwashing, cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing and stay home if you are sick. We will continue to monitor the district and make the necessary adjustments to protect everyone's health.

Wishing you a successful and productive school year!

AC PRIDE! AC STRONG!

## 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*  
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## ATLANTIC CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS



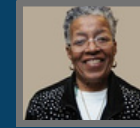
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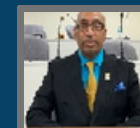
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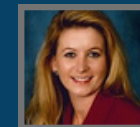
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**Kashawn McKinley**



**MD (Muhammad)  
A. Siddik**



**Tracy Riley**  
Board Solicitor

# Welcome

## NEW TEACHER ORIENTATION



**WE WELCOMED 65 NEW  
EDUCATIONAL PROFESSIONALS TO  
OUR DISTRICT!**

## 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).







# Employment Opportunities 2023-2024

## TEACHING STAFF (GRADES Pre-K-12)

- Teacher: Art
- Teacher: Culinary Arts
- Teacher: Math
- Teacher : Music
- Teacher: Special Education - Inclusion Grades 9-12
- Teacher: Special Education - Preschool Disabled
- Teacher: Spanish
- Teacher: School Library Media Specialist

## SUPPORT STAFF

- School Nurse
- Sign Language Interpreter

## HOW TO APPLY:

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



**Equal Employment Opportunity**

**SEASHORE LEADERSHIP  
ACADEMY  
Open House**  
Wednesday, October 18, 2023



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

**f e v  
tutor**

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](mailto:WebMaster@acboe.org)





# ATLANTIC CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2023 - 2024 DISTRICT CONVOCATION



## September 6, 2023



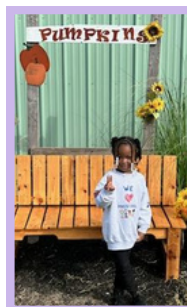
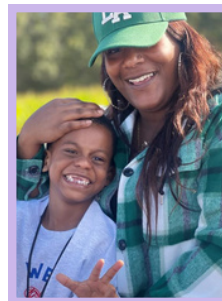


# Preschool News!!

## GRANDPARENTS' DAY



## PRESCHOOL FIELD TRIP!!!



## PARENT RESOURCE CENTER

October

BREAST CANCER CHAT  
RICHMOND AVE SCHOOL  
10/23/2023

November

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS  
MAMMOGRAPHY VAN  
CHELSEA HEIGHTS SCHOOL  
11/7/2023

ACHS STAY CONNECTED WITH  
POWERSCHOOL  
ATLANTIC CITY HIGH SCHOOL  
11/8/2023

GRANDPARENTS AS PARENTS  
UPTOWN SCHOOL COMPLEX  
11/14/2023

FOREVER LADIES  
NEW YORK AVE SCHOOL  
11/15/2023

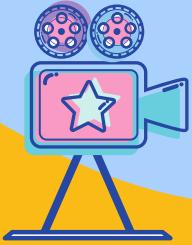
DONUTS WITH DADS  
ATLANTIC CITY HIGH SCHOOL  
11/29/2023



# Visual and Performing Arts

## SUMMER MUSICAL PRODUCTION

### PIRATES 2: The Hidden Treasure





# Back to School Bash 2023

## August 21, 2023



**Distributed over 500 backpacks!**



**back to  
SCHOOL**



**Over 600  
Attendees**





1<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL SOFTBALL GAME SERIES

# THE DISTRICT



**GAME 1 WINNER**

**ACPS VS CITY OF ATLANTIC CITY  
SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT**

## Viking Athlete Spotlight

### Sah'nye 'Ice Cup' Degraffenreidt



Degraffenreidt earned Courier-Post All-South Jersey First Team and USA TODAY NETWORK All-New Jersey Second Team honors last season with 51 catches for 894 yards and 11 touchdowns, a pair of pick-6's, two kickoff return scores and a punt-return TD as Atlantic City went 7-3, won its first playoff game since 2012 and produced its first winning record since 2017.

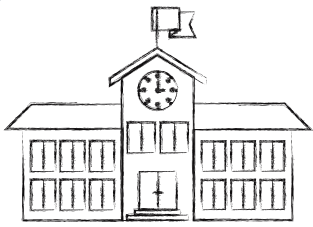
Degraffenreidt's picked up 12 Division-I offers including Michigan, Penn State and South Carolina over the past 12 months, and he's just getting started.



## PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM







## WELCOME WAGON

*School Spirit*



The first ever ACHS Welcome Wagon took place on August 29, 2023. The ACHS Cheerleaders, Football Team, and Hope 4 AC Club Members accompanied the ACHS Administrative Team and Staff on 2 buses to visit the homes of (7) incoming freshman in the neighborhood throughout Atlantic City.



## Atlantic City COLLEGE Tour 2023

Sponsored by the Atlantic City  
NAACP Youth Council

Seeking College-Bound Students!

*(Sophomores, Juniors, & Seniors ONLY!)*

Tentatively traveling to:  
Pennsylvania-Maryland-North Carolina

Wednesday, November 8 thru  
Saturday, November 11, 2023

Fee: \$450.00  
(Includes Lodging and Transportation)

**Cash or Money Order, PLEASE!**

Orientations to be held:

**Mondays Sept. 18th & 25th & Oct. 2nd @ 6pm**

**Union Baptist Temple**  
335 N. Pennsylvania Ave. Atlantic City, NJ  
(Use Adriatic Ave. Door)

All College Tour Orientations:

Student and Parent/Legal Guardian  
**MUST attend (1) orientation TOGETHER**

Completed application and \$100.00 deposit required.

Payments & applications will be accepted on 9/18, 9/25, & 10/2 @ 6pm

**Final payment is due on/or before Monday, October 16th @ 6pm**

Any application withdrawn prior to final payment will receive 50% refund.  
Withdrawals (7) days or less than trip departure will forfeit full amount paid.

"Education is the most powerful weapon  
which you can use to change the world."  
-Nelson Mandela



For more information  
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609.748.9777

or

Sharon Tripp  
609.484.9822





# ACPS 2023 Soccer Tournament



The Elementary Sports Program hosted its championship games on Monday, October 16, 2023.

**2023 Champions**

Sovereign Avenue School Boys 5&6  
Chelsea Heights School Girls 5&6



**2023 Champions**

Sovereign Avenue School Boys 7&8  
Richmond Avenue School Girls 7&8



## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



**ACPS District Newsletter Committee**

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