



# THE SCOOP

## Welcome Back

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### Report Card Dates

Interim Report Cards  
Friday, October 7, 2022

1st Marking Period Report Card  
Monday, November 21, 2022

Interim Report Cards  
Friday, December 16, 2022

2nd Marking Period Report Card  
Wednesday, February 15, 2023

Interim Report Cards  
Wednesday, March 1, 2023

3rd Marking Period Report Card  
Wednesday, April 26, 2023

Interim Report Cards  
Friday, May 12, 2023

4th Marking Period Report Card  
Friday, June 16, 2023

#### District Events

Fall Harvest Festival  
City Hall  
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, October 26, 2022

Substitute Teacher  
Recruitment Fair  
Pennsylvania Avenue School  
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
November 1, 2022

### MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Dr. La'Quetta S. Small  
Superintendent of Schools

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

It is with great pleasure that we welcome our school family to the 2022-2023 school year! We hope that you had a restful and enjoyable summer and that you are ready to return for an exciting new year! We look forward to working 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, we will work diligently to maintain a conducive learning environment. Our schools will make every effort to provide all students with a sense of belonging while helping students to develop intellectually, emotionally and socially. To further support the emotional health of our students, we are pleased to offer social and emotional learning (SEL) coaches at each school. Their primary focus is to help students understand their thoughts and emotions, to become more self-aware and to develop more empathy for others within their community.

As a district, the health and safety of our students and staff will always be a top priority. We ask that everyone continue to practice frequent handwashing, cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing and stay home if you are not well. Although the mask mandate is no longer in effect, we will continue to monitor the district and may return to wearing masks if necessary.

Wishing you a successful and productive new school year!  
AC PRIDE! AC STRONG!

### MEET THE NEW ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS



Dr. Lakecia Hyman  
Assistant Superintendent  
of Schools

Dr. LaKecia Hyman has served as a school administrator for 19 years with 16 years as a principal and 3 years as an assistant principal all within the Atlantic City Public School District. Dr. Hyman was named "2022 Principal of the Year" as a model administrator for the school district.

Dr. Hyman joined the Atlantic City Public Schools District in 2000 as a teacher and then literacy



Mr. Atiba Rose  
Assistant Superintendent of  
Curriculum & Instruction

Atiba Rose was raised in Atco, NJ. After graduating from Eastern Regional High School, he attended Rowan University. In 1999, he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree. He received his Master's degree in Educational Leadership from Seton Hall University in 2007.

Mr. Rose has been in the educational field for 22 years. He launched his

educational calling as a high school teacher in the Deptford Township school system where he taught for 10 years. After 10 years of teaching, he transitioned to the Atlantic City Public School District in 2008, where he was fortunate to hold the following positions: Assistant Principal of New York Avenue School, Principal of Uptown School Complex and Director of Operations.

Education has always been a part of Mr. Rose's life as his wife, both parents, brother and sister are all in the educational field. He is dedicated to making a difference and to effectively work with others to ensure student needs are being met. Mr. Rose is always optimistic and believes that whatever barrier may arise, there is always a solution to get beyond it and that is the undertaking for all of us as educators.

coach. In 2003, Dr. Hyman became the assistant principal of the Uptown School Complex and in 2006 principal of the Uptown School Complex, where she was the educational leader for 14 years.

Dr. Hyman attended Seton Hall University magna cum laude where she graduated with a dual bachelor's degree in elementary education and psychology. Later, she graduated from Rowan University's educational leadership program and with a master's degree in education. In addition, Dr. Hyman received a Doctorate Degree in Educational Administration and Leadership from Rowan University in Glassboro, New Jersey, in 2015.

Dr. Hyman is passionate about teaching and learning and has a vested interest in motivating students to achieve their highest potential. Her motto is, "The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows and dreams into opportunities."



## 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.

## 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**  
**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**  
**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 HIGH SCHOOL HISTORY

Atlantic City's first high school was built in 1895 at Illinois and Atlantic Avenues. The city quickly outgrew this building, and a new high school was built in 1901 at Ohio and Pacific Avenues. Again, the city expanded its educational facilities, building a third, new high school at Albany and Atlantic Avenues. This building was opened on September 17, 1923 with an enrollment of more than 2,000 students. The building had a 1,000 seat auditorium, a massive pipe organ and a much revered and iconic clock tower. The building was demolished. On November 14, 1994, the fourth and newest incarnation of Atlantic City High School opened its doors to students and faculty. Atlantic City's new high school, located at 1400 North Albany Avenue, serves approximately 2,500 students from Atlantic City, Brigantine, Longport, Margate, and Ventnor. The facilities inside the new 450,000 square foot building include a 750-seat theater, 50,000-volume library, a TV and radio station, a 48-seat distance learning lab, science research lab and greenhouse, graphics and communication lab, multiple computer labs, and athletic fields.

Source: ACFPL Atlantic City High School Collection, Alfred M. Heston Collection, Atlantic City Free Public Library.

## DISTRICT NEWS

### 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).



## ATLANTIC CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS



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# Atlantic City Public Schools

**Atlantic City High School**  
(609) 343-7300



**Constance Days-Chapman**  
*Principal*



**Dr. Sheree Alexander**  
*Vice Principal*



**Jason Grimes**  
*Vice Principal*



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*Vice Principal*



**Brighton Avenue School**  
(609) 343-3150



**Dorothy Bullock-Fernandes**  
*Principal*



**Tracy Singer-Allen**  
*Vice Principal*



**Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. School Complex**  
(609) 343-1647



**Jodi Burroughs**  
*Principal*



**Cherise Burroughs**  
*Vice Principal*

**Chelsea Heights School**  
(609) 343-7272



**James Knox**  
*Principal*



**Tracy Singer-Allen**  
*Vice Principal*



**Pennsylvania Avenue School**  
(609) 343-7290



**Kenneth Flood**  
*Principal*



**Erica Woody**  
*Vice Principal*



**Richmond Avenue School**  
(609) 343-7250



**Shelley Williams**  
*Principal*



**Shontai Harris**  
*Vice Principal*



**New York Avenue School**  
(609) 343-7280



**Kendall Williams**  
*Principal*



**Cornelio Sabio**  
*Vice Principal*



**Sovereign Avenue School**  
(609) 343-7260



**Nicole Williams**  
*Principal*



**Bonnie Lynch**  
*Vice Principal*



**Texas Avenue School**  
(609) 343-7350



**Lina Gil**  
*Principal*



**Bohdan Christian**  
*Vice Principal*

**Uptown School Complex**  
(609) 344-8809



**Dr. Ananda M. Davis**  
*Principal*



**Moria Barnes**  
*Vice Principal*



**Venice Park School**  
(609) 343-7270



**Jodi Burroughs**  
*Principal*



**Cherise Burroughs**  
*Vice Principal*



# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RETIREES

*Cheers to your second act! May it be even more fantastic than the first.*

Barry Caldwell - Superintendent  
 Sherry Yahn - Asst. Superintendent of C & I  
 Cathleen Cocuzza - Atlantic City High School  
 Jennifer Hagofsky - Atlantic City High School  
 Ahmed Khan - Atlantic City High School  
 Hugo Llerena - Atlantic City High School  
 Nancie Woods - Atlantic City High School  
 Raymond Cocozza - Atlantic City High School  
 Mark Crumble - Chelsea Heights School  
 Barry Portnoy - Chelsea Heights School  
 Denise Dufner - District Office  
 Iva Fischer - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Complex  
 Karen Browne - New York Avenue School  
 Frank Shumski - New York Avenue School  
 Linda Woodson - New York Avenue School  
 Anita McKinley - Pennsylvania Avenue School

Steve Murphy - Pennsylvania Avenue School  
 Enrique Santos - Pennsylvania Avenue School  
 Carol Shepherd - Pennsylvania Avenue School  
 Christine Arsenis - Richmond Avenue School  
 Mary Delcher - Richmond Avenue School  
 Brendan Schurr - Richmond Avenue School  
 Carmen Alomia-Hood - Sovereign Avenue School  
 Bryant McKinnie - Sovereign Avenue School  
 David Murray - Sovereign Avenue School  
 Joyce Nelson - Sovereign Avenue School  
 Medina Peyton - Sovereign Avenue School  
 Julie Land - Texas Avenue School  
 Lisa Thieberger - Texas Avenue School  
 Mark Walthour - Texas Avenue School  
 Carla Gabriel - Venice Park School  
 Carol Gray - Venice Park School

## Wagenheim Good Citizenship Scholarships

The Wagenheim Good Citizen Scholarship was awarded to three students in the amount of \$10,000

*Congratulations to:*

Anthony Ford Jr. - Kean University  
 Breanna Calallero - Stockton University  
 Salma Hai - Rutgers University



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

## ACHS SUPPORT SERVICES

### Hours

Monday-Friday  
8:00am-3:30pm  
By Appointment



### Location

Atlantic City High School  
1400 N. Albany Ave.  
Atlantic City, NJ 08401  
Phone: (609) 345-8336  
Fax: (609)-345-8373

### Atlantic City Teen Center Services Center

The Atlantic City Teen Center Services Center program is funded by the New Jersey Department of Children and Family Services, under the office of School Based Services. AtlantiCare Behavioral Health serves as the managing agency.

Funding is provided to implement a School-Based Youth Services Program for youth ages 13-19 who reside in Atlantic City, Brigantine, Longport, Margate, and Ventnor.

Our Program's objective is to help assure that teenagers obtain needed assistance in an accessible location. The goals of the program are to help teens maintain good mental and physical health to stay in school and graduate, to pursue post-secondary education, and the find employment.

**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



**SOCIAL  
EMOTIONAL  
LEARNING**



**SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING SPOTLIGHT**



**Dr. Mitea Lakins**  
Social Emotional Learning  
District Coordinator



The Atlantic City Public School District introduces a new Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Team as an additional layer of support for students, staff, and families. The team members are Alice M. Carcilli, Nicole Casamento, Catherine Days, Laurie Egrie, Thomas Kelly, Jenell Lopez, Melissa Luna, Danielle Newsome, Lisa M. Williams, Lateefah Scott, and Mitea Lakins. Each school will house a coach that will implement SEL. Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) is a process through which people gain skills, knowledge, and attitudes to develop a healthy identity, manage emotions, make responsible decisions and maintain positive relationships (CASEL, 2022). The Collaborative for Academic Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL) SEL framework includes five competencies: self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, responsible decision-making, and relationship skills. The SEL team and staff will incorporate the competencies within the school community. The SEL coaches will work to build and deepen positive school culture and climate by providing professional development, lessons, and activities rooted in the five SEL competencies. Promoting SEL has many benefits.

Effective social and emotional learning programs can lead to long-lasting improvements in the lives of children by enhancing their confidence and increasing school engagement (Greenberg et al., 2017). Research studies show that SEL improves achievement and increases prosocial behaviors, like kindness and empathy (Weissberg, 2016). In addition, increasing social and emotional learning competencies can ultimately increase the likelihood of high school graduation, career success, positive work, and family relationships (Weissberg, 2016). The SEL Team is excited to serve our school community and looks forward to a great 2022-2023 school year.

What is the CASEL Framework? CASEL. (2022, August 3). Retrieved August 25, 2022, from <https://casel.org/fundamentals-of-sel/what-is-the-casel-framework/>  
Weissberg, R. (2016, February 15). Why social and emotional learning is essential for students. Edutopia. Retrieved August 25, 2022, from <https://www.edutopia.org/blog/why-sel-essential-for-students-weissberg-durlak-domitrovich-gullotta>

# Summer School VPA

Performance

**COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**



# BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Families were given access to a fun-filled afternoon thanks to a collaboration between Atlantic City Public Schools, Oceanside Family Success Centers, and the City of Atlantic City. Families, community partners, and community members gathered at the Back to School Bash to commemorate the beginning of the new school year. More than a thousand people attended.



ACPS District Newsletter Committee

Annelisea Johnson

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Aesha Qareeb





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Borgata Atlantic City spent the last month focused on what matters by collecting and distributing backpacks filled with school supplies to students across our community. Atlantic City Public Schools would like to send a special thank you to the Leadership Team for taking their time to donate and help fill over 300 backpacks. The month long effort concluded on September 13th with a visit to Brighton Avenue School alongside Borgata President & COO, Travis Lunn to distribute over 90 backpacks with Superintendent Dr. LaQuetta S. Small and Assistant Principal Tracy Singer-Allen.



# Atlantic City Public Schools District Leadership Meeting

*The purpose of Atlantic City Public School District Leadership meetings are to develop and support infrastructure to enable the schools to effectively implement district initiatives. The District Leadership Team meet four times a year and consist of education personnel, community members, and parents.*



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