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THE QUAKER QUARTERLY

Fall 2025

Dear Quaker Community,

What a fantastic kickoff to the 2025-2026 school year in New Philadelphia. From Open Houses to hallways full of high fives and bright smiles, the buzz around our buildings has been hard to miss. You could say we've hit the ground learning!

We've welcomed outstanding new staff members who are ready to inspire, launched creative classroom activities that bring learning to life and even rolled out new four-square courts that students are loving. From colorful student-led projects at the high school to parachute fun in PE class, the year is already off to a fantastic start.

As we look ahead, we remain focused on giving every student a safe, welcoming and high-quality education. That includes continuing conversations about our facility challenges. On November 4, voters will consider Ballot Issue 19 regarding this work. While you'll find more information about the ballot issue later in this newsletter, I want to thank you now for staying engaged and informed.

I'm also humbled to serve this year as president of the Buckeye Association of School Administrators. It's an honor to represent educators across the state and to continue bringing that statewide perspective back home to New Philadelphia.

Thank you to our students, staff, families and the communities we serve for your continued trust. Your pride and commitment are what make New Philadelphia such a strong and inspiring place where students feel encouraged to dream big.

There's so much more to celebrate. Read on to meet our newest Quakers, check out the recent awards presented to staff and students and get a peek at what's been happening in classrooms across the district. We can't wait for you to see all the amazing things this year has in store.

Sincerely,
Amy Wentworth
Superintendent

A New Chapter at West

What a start at West! From a packed Open House to first week high fives and friendly faces, the Quaker spirit has been electric. Students are already loving the new four-square courts and getting to know our incredible staff. Thanks to everyone who helped make the first days feel like home. We are excited to keep the momentum going.

What's Cookin' at NPCS?

Free meals are back on the menu at New Philadelphia City Schools, with every student receiving breakfast and lunch at no cost through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program. Last year, our Food Service team served over 310,000 meals across the district, preparing more than 1,700 meals daily and delivering over 10,000 pounds of food each week to our five elementary schools and Starlight. For the 2025–26 school year, we're focused on increasing meal participation and adding more fresh, locally sourced options, inspired by student requests and our commitment to "keepin' it rural." Be sure to save the date for our Beat Dover Spaghetti Dinner on Thursday, October 23 — our homemade sauce paired with meatballs makes this dinner a delicious opportunity to support our schools and celebrate Quaker spirit. We are grateful to our hardworking Food Service team for keeping students fueled for learning and to our community for your continued support in making New Philadelphia a special place to call home.

Update from the Treasurer

As we begin another school year filled with opportunity and optimism, I am pleased to share that New Philadelphia City Schools has received the prestigious Auditor of State Award, recognizing outstanding financial reporting and accountability. The award was presented by Jennifer Drlik of the State Auditor's Office and honors the collective achievement of our district's financial leadership. In addition to this recognition for New Philadelphia City Schools, both Quaker Digital Academy and Quaker Preparatory Academy, whose finances are also managed by our treasury office, earned the same distinction. Together, these honors represent three Auditor of State Awards this year. According to Auditor of State Keith Faber, "By keeping accurate financial records, governing bodies demonstrate their commitment to efficient, effective and transparent service." Fewer than 20% of public entities across Ohio, including cities, townships, villages, libraries, and school districts, receive this honor.

To qualify for the award, a school district must file timely financial reports in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, receive a clean audit with no findings for recovery or material weaknesses, and have no public record issues, ethics referrals or financial concerns.

Receiving this award has been a personal goal of mine since I began with the district, and it marks a proud moment for the entire team. None of this would have been possible without the professionalism and hard work of the district's financial team and leadership. This recognition is a milestone that highlights the district's long-standing commitment to financial excellence and accountability to the New Philadelphia community.

As the district continues to plan for the future, voters will see a combined 6.2 mill bond issue and 1.0 mill permanent improvement levy on the November 4, 2025 ballot. If approved, Issue 19 would fund the construction of a new PreK-6 elementary school at the South Elementary site and a new 7-12 middle and high school at the current high school location while also covering demolition and relocation of administrative offices. The permanent improvement levy would provide funding for maintenance and repair of district facilities.

This proposal reflects months of work, including planning sessions, facility tours and feedback from families, staff and community members. The fast facts of the ballot issue are on the next page. To learn more, visit npschools.org or call the district office at 330-364-0600.

Thank you for staying informed and engaged as we plan for the future of New Philadelphia City Schools.

Julie Erwin, CPA
Treasurer

From left to right:

Katie Christ,
Assistant Treasurer

Becki Cox,
Account Clerk

Jennifer Drlik,
Auditor of State Liason

Janet Albaugh,
Budgetary Clerk

Julie Erwin,
Treasurer

Michelle Keitz,
Administrative Assistant

Diane Lewis,
Assistant Treasurer of Quaker Digital Academy and Quaker Preparatory Academy

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November 4, 2025 Bond and PI Levy

ISSUE 19 FAST FACTS

On November 4, 2025, voters will consider a combined 6.2-mill bond issue and 1.0-mill permanent improvement levy for New Philadelphia City Schools. This ballot issue supports a facility master plan shaped by months of community engagement, including public meetings, surveys, and building tours.

If approved, the combined issue would fund:

Bond Issue (6.2 mills)

- Construction of a new PreK–6 elementary school at the current South Elementary site.
- Construction of a new grades 7–12 middle/high school at the current high school site.
- Simultaneous construction of both new schools.
- Demolition of all existing elementary and middle/high school buildings and district administrative offices.

Permanent Improvement Levy (1.0 mill)

- Dedicated funding for long-term maintenance and repair of district facilities.

Cost to Property Owners

$252 per year for every $100,000 of assessed property value.

$217 for the bond issue

$35 for the permanent improvement levy

Why Now?

- The Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) has approved New Philadelphia's master facilities plan, making the district eligible for $80 million in state co-funding—approximately 55% of the total $145.5 million project cost.
- The state funding is available for 16 months starting July 2025.

To learn more, visit npschools.org or call 330-364-0600.

New Quakers Ready to Inspire

We're thrilled to welcome our newest Quakers to the New Philadelphia family! Their passion, energy and ideas are the sparks that will help ignite a year of growth, joy and meaningful learning.

Maddie Munson
Preschool, Middle and High School Speech Language Pathologist

Eva Wherley
5th Grade Intervention Specialist

Anna Brown
Welty Middle School Band Teacher

Vanessa Hutras
West Elementary Tutor

Ms. Hannah Wells
West, Central and South Elementary Grades 3-5 Music Teacher

Ms. Katelyn McCord
South Elementary Tutor

Mrs. Hannah Milleman
6th Grade Science Teacher

Mr. Tim Fortney
6th Grade Math Teacher

Ms. Elaina Wertz
East Elementary Kindergarten Teacher

Mrs. Callie Williams
East Elementary Tutor

Ms. Sharayah LoPresti
East Elementary Tutor

Preschool Celebrates New Team Members

The district is happy to introduce new additions to our Preschool program. Nick Huskins joins as the new Federal Programs/English Learner Director. Jamie Hilton and Zoe Zeigler join as Preschool Paraprofessionals, each bringing dedication and compassion to help every student. Welcome aboard Nick, Jamie and Zoe!

BASA Welcomes Wentworth as President

We are proud to celebrate Superintendent Amy Wentworth as she takes on a new statewide leadership role. Amy was recently installed as the 56th president of the Buckeye Association of School Administrators, becoming only the sixth woman ever to hold the title. Known across Ohio for her student-centered vision and collaborative approach, she will now represent school leaders from districts across the state. We're thrilled to see her voice and values shine on an even bigger stage. Congratulations, Amy!

West Experiences Page Turners and Tea Parties

Seven creative students from West Elementary spent their summer as beta readers for "Sucked In: Alice in Wonderland," a soon-to-be-released novel by author Aloura Charles. This exclusive book club met weekly to dive into chapters, trade ideas and shape the story before it hits shelves. They wrapped up their adventure with a Wonderland-inspired tea party and a live Zoom with the author, who left them feeling inspired and full of imagination.

South Starts Strong

South Elementary kicked off the year with excitement as the PTO set the stage with colorful welcome signs for first-day photos. Third-grade teachers brought big grins by wearing shirts with their own childhood school pictures. Second graders explored STEM through watermelon activities, while other classes created worry stones after reading "Alma and the Worry Stone." What a fun start to the year!

Central Science Gets Creative

Central Elementary launched the year with hands-on science fun that brought curiosity to life. Science teachers teamed up to create a shared lab space where every class could dive into exciting activities. Students collaborated to build towers using the STEM process and explored real lab tools, sparking teamwork and discovery. Science has never looked so fun!

East Side Story: A Fresh Start

East Elementary was bursting with excitement as our youngest Quakers dove into a brand new school year. Kindergarten kicked things off with a special parent orientation followed by a smooth phase-in that helped them settle right in. With big smiles and lots of energy, both Kindergarten and First Grade are off to a fantastic start!

Heather O'Connor to Lead Student Services

With 24 years in the classroom and six years as a director, Heather O'Connor brings a wealth of experience and heart to her new role leading Student Services. Her passion for student success and inclusive support will help ensure every Quaker has the tools they need to thrive.

Welty Students Who Inspire

Welty Middle School recently celebrated three outstanding students who lead with heart, curiosity and character. David Lawrence and Sienna Miller were honored with the Connor Williams Character Award, a heartfelt tribute to a beloved classmate whose legacy of kindness, leadership and joyful spirit continues to inspire. Eighth grader Eddy Resendiz received the Ray Kroc Award for his academic excellence, leadership and involvement in activities like Spanish Club, Select Choir and Speech and Debate. Whether it's helping classmates, lighting up the morning announcements or chasing big dreams, these students are true inspirations.

David Lawrence

Sienna Miller

Eddy Resendiz

Big Beginnings at York

The first bell rang at York Elementary and the adventure of a new school year began. Students walked in with bright smiles, teachers welcomed them with care and the building quickly filled with excitement. From the very first day, York is setting the stage for a year full of learning, friendships and memorable moments.

Pitch Perfect in Cleveland

The NPHS Delphian Chorale wowed the crowd at this summer's Cleveland Guardians game with a powerful performance of the National Anthem. Led by Ms. Kristi Prucha, the group brought hometown pride to the big league stage and earned a well-deserved ovation. Their voices rang out strong and clear across the ballpark. Way to shine, Delphian Chorale!

Tiny Ties Big Hearts

Mrs. Wills' kindergarten class at York Elementary is building a strong classroom community one bracelet at a time. Students created friendship promise bracelets as daily reminders to be kind, help others, show respect, play fair and work hard. These tiny treasures are packed with heart!

Quaker Spirit in Full Color

The NPHS Student Council brought color and Quaker pride to the front patio just in time for the start of the school year. With paintbrushes in hand and creativity flowing, these student leaders transformed the space into a bold and welcoming symbol of Quaker spirit that sets the tone for a fantastic year ahead.

PE Parachute Power

Mr. McClelland's fourth-period Physical Education class got a surprise as Mr. Tetzloff rolled out a brand-new parachute. The energy was high and the smiles were even bigger as students dove into some fun and active learning. Big thanks to Mr. Tetzloff for keeping student movement exciting!

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Varsity Boys Cross Country Team Dominates

The Quakers came to race and left with gold as New Philadelphia's varsity boys cross country team crushed the competition at the Pickerington North XC Classic, winning the 1A Division with just 59 points! From start to finish, the team showed grit, speed and Quaker pride with every runner across the line by 21:32. What an incredible way to kick off the season!

FINISHES

4th	5th	9th	19th	22nd	60th
Marcus Adelman	Wyatt Lendon	Alec Adelman	Kyle Beaber	Kevin Smith	Branson Pringle
15:37	15:40	16:11	16:32	16:39	17:42

Austin Pringle: 19:28
Brennen Hostetler: 21:00.4
Luka Rotunno: 21:00.6
Max Malloy: 21:01
Brody Stanley: 21:13
Jacob Haren: 21:32