Notice of Proposed Boundary Change Meeting

Dear Parents/Guardians:

On October 20, 2015 the QCUSD Governing Board approved new grade-level reconfigurations for Gateway Polytechnic Academy, Queen Creek Middle School, and Newell Barney Junior High (Newell Barney Middle School beginning the 16-17 school year) to address growing enrollment within Queen Creek schools. In accordance with QCUSD Governing Board Policy JC and JC-R, we are sending this letter to you as an invitation to a) review the proposed boundary change, and b) attend a November 17 at 4:30 pm public-input meeting where your input will be heard. Our Governing Board recognizes the implications surrounding attendance boundary changes and requests the input from those who may be impacted by this change.

The proposed boundary change being considered is described below and on the attached map:

- Desert Mountain Elementary School (purple) and Queen Creek Elementary School (red) would become the feeder schools into Newell Barney Middle School (purple and red).
- 6th Grade only students from Gateway Polytechnic Academy (orange) attendance area, all 6th thru 8th grade students from the Jack Barnes Elementary School (blue) attendance area, and all 6th thru 8th grade students from the Frances Brandon Pickett (green) attendance area would become the feeder schools/students into the new Middle School, the current QCMS. (orange, blue, and green).

These proposed attendance boundaries provide sound solutions for Queen Creek students since the majority of our students would attend the closest MS to where they live and there would be limited transportation routes crossing the railroad tracks to/from school.

We are excited about the reconfiguration of Queen Creek Unified School District and the efficiency it will bring our families. Please stay informed with the latest happenings by reading our weekly QCUSD newsletter, visiting the QCUSD website, and the QCUSD Facebook page.
Sincerely,

Perry Berry, Ed.D.
## Queen Creek Unified School District Boundary Map Proposed Option

### Color:
- Gateway Polytechnic Academy: Orange
- Jack Barnes Elementary: Purple
- Desert Mountain Elementary: Light Green
- Frances Brandon Pickett Elementary: Light Blue
- Queen Creek Elementary: Dark Green
- Queen Creek Middle School: Dark Blue
- Newell Barney Middle School: Red
- Queen Creek High School: Dark Red

### School Site: Grade(s):
- Gateway Polytechnic Academy: K-7 (16-17 school year), K-8 (17-18 school year)
- Jack Barnes Elementary: K-5
- Desert Mountain Elementary: K-8
- Frances Brandon Pickett Elementary: K-5
- Queen Creek Elementary: K-5
- Queen Creek Middle School: 6-8 (8th grade only for 16-17 school year from GPA)
- Newell Barney Middle School: 6-8 (beginning the 16-17 school year NBHS will be NBMS)
- Queen Creek High School: 9-12
Official Election Results

Election results were finalized Friday, Nov 6th and it is official: Voters in the Queen Creek School District boundary approved the override. Official results show the override passed, with 3,299 voting "yes" and 2,597 voting "no".

Queen Creek is fortunate to have dedicated parents, staff, and involved community members who have worked hard to inform the community about the educational needs of our schools.

We, as a district, THANK YOU for supporting our students, our staff, and our schools.

Congratulations to the recipients of the You Make the Difference Awards by Jack Barnes Elementary! For this award, a person is selected from among those eligible, who has clearly demonstrated the outstanding qualities and efforts in making a difference that we look for in our Queen Creek schools.

Laura Valenciano, Principal of Jack Barnes Elementary School, presented the award at the November 10th Board Meeting where she recognized: Melinda Horst, Rosa Hernandez Renteria, Jane McClure, and Irene Gray. Each month a Queen Creek School will nominate those shining stars who help Make the Difference.

QCUSD Military Admission Benefit

QCUSD Governing Board approved a Military Admission Benefit that provides all active military and veteran service men and women, free admission to regular season home athletics and waived ticket fees with ticket purchase for Queen Creek Performing Arts Center events.

Together as a community, we recognize and remember the brave men and women who continue to give and have given their lives for our freedom.

Symbolically accepting this benefit, on behalf of all active military and veterans, the Board recognized during the November 10th board meeting, the Martens family. Their son Nathan Martens, was a young man who grew up in the Queen Creek area, was a Queen Creek High School graduate, and a U.S. Navy Corpsman, who gave his life for his country in Iraq in 2005.

To honor Nathan, the Nathan Martens Memorial Scholarship was established through the Queen Creek Schools Education Foundation. This $3,000 scholarship is awarded based on athletics, community involvement, service, leadership, character, and academic achievement.

We say thank you and pay tribute to honor, remember, and celebrate the lives of all active, retired, and fallen military men and women.
We believe that helping those in need is a core part of who we are. So the Queen Creek Unified School District Family Resource Center do it in a big, big way for the upcoming holidays.

Once again, this year, the QCUSD Family Resource Center is asking all the QC schools (Clubs) to help with a food drive to serve our families in need during the upcoming Holidays.

Last year, the Family Resource Center helped over 245 families in our school district and community with a food box for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The QCUSD Family Resource Center couldn’t do this without the participation of most of our schools in the district.

Please check with your child’s school for sponsored Food Drives in November. On behalf of the families in our community, we thank you in advanced for your donations.

School Events

To honor our veterans, Queen Creek students took part in ceremonies this week at their schools.

We want to thank all those who serve.
Thank you Veterans!
AzMERIT Update

- Paper AzMERIT Family Reports and AzMERIT Family Guides are expected to be sent home November 16th.
  - Elementary student reports will be sent home with students.
  - 6th grade through High School student reports will be sent home via mail.
- Scores across the state are expected to be lower because this is the first assessment on the new Arizona College and Career Ready Standards.

2015 Projected State Results
Learn more at Arizona Department of Education and Expect More Arizona.

“The scores aren’t crashing, the expectations are soaring!” - Joe O'Reilly
Queen Creek Celebrates America Recycles Day!

Saturday, November 14 • 8 a.m. to Noon
Queen Creek Recycle Center (S. Ellsworth/Crewe Lane, across from Splash Pad)

FREE Drop-Off Recycling:
Tech cubicle returns a TEDS offers tickets to WHI grant prizes including:
• A Samsung tablet and gift cards for the
  GC (Ellsworth), Regency, and The Columns
Electronics
• Computer monitors, keyboards, power supplies,
  including, TVs, PAs, etc.

Matts
• Mattresses, toppers, aluminum

Appliances
• Refrigerators, dishwashers, washers, dryers and ovens

Textiles
• Clothing and shoes

Recyclables
• Plastic bottles, jugs, newspapers, cardboard,
  aluminum and metal cans, glass bottles, plastic bags.

Paper Shredding
• There is a $5.00 charge per bag

To donate frozen turkeys, deliver them right to United Food Bank.

Food Drive Dates: Nov 11-12

Our Goal:___

Our Goal:

Please visit QCUSD FAQ for a list of your child’s school FAQ page.

UNITED FOOD DRIVE
United Food Bank needs help and we're stepping up to the "plate!" Help us feed the hungry this holiday season!

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:
• Cash donations (just $5 can feed more than 20 people)
• Canned vegetables
• Instant potatoes
• Bread stuffing
• Unopened, dry gravy

Please no perishable items or glass containers.

United Food Bank
245 S. Mission Drive • Mesa, AZ 85210 • 480-926-9997
More information at www.Unitedfoodbank.org

Help us this Holiday Season

Community Education

UPCOMING EVENTS: Winter Break Day Camp is December 21, 22, 23 & December 28, 29, 30 - Registration starts the week of November 16th!

DISCOVERY KIDS is a great program that offers before and after school care for kids at all K-6 sites. They are state licensed and offer structured activities, including homework help and hands-on learning. Convenient on-site locations eliminate transportation concerns. Programs start at 6:30 am and end at 6:00 pm.

ENRICHMENT CLASSES: Check out the fun after school enrichment classes offered for our students this quarter. Visit qcusd.org/Community_Education for a complete listing.

New GPA FAQs have been posted on 11/12.

Please visit QCUSD FAQ for a list of your child's school FAQ page.
Walmart Donates $1,000

Thank you Walmart - Queen Creek for your incredible support of Queen Creek Schools! QCUSD Superintendent, Dr. Perry Berry and Queen Creek Elementary Principal Julie Niven, accepted a $1,000 donation from Walmart during their Re-Grand Opening on Friday, Nov 6th. This donation will be used by 20 QCE teachers to help offset the cost of classroom supplies.

School Tax Credit

What is a school tax credit? Who is eligible? How can I make a donation? Check out our new video on

SPAW Week

This week is School Psychology Awareness Week (SPAW)! Queen Creek Schools help Connect The Dots to create a positive school climate and help all students thrive in school, at home, and in life. QCUSD employs site-based school psychologists servicing Pre-Kindergarten to 12th grades and are available for consult on each campus.

Bus or Treat

By Bill Lehman & Nikki Metcalf

Queen Creek Transportation does more than just transport
students from their homes to school. Because of our working relationship with the Town of Queen Creek, the
district provides buses for various town special events throughout the year.

The Halloween Trunk or Treat has been a town event for a number of years and this year we provided four
buses. Many of the children who rode the buses are students within the district and as they got on the bus
in various costumes, were excited to see the familiar face of their bus driver. This year a record number of
students and their families rode the buses from the library to Desert Mountain Park.

This gives the opportunity for Transportation to show off our buses and drivers since many times we are the
face of the school district for citizens of the town that do not have children or grandchildren attending our
schools.