Education Committee

Monday, September 14, 2026 5:15 PM
QCSD District Service Center - Community Room, 100 Commerce Drive, Quakertown, PA 18951

1. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**
2. **CALL TO ORDER**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
4. **RESOURCE FOR REVIEW**
5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

5.A. School Climate Discussion

5.B. Kindergarten Placement Procedures

5.C. Program of Studies Update

5.D. Comprehensive Plan Update

5.E. Social Media Standards

5.F. Structured Literacy Overview

5.G. PreK Counts Agreement with LifeSpan 2026-2027

6. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

6.A. Open Resource Update

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
8. **ADJOURNMENT**

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING - Date: 08/10/26 Meeting Start Time: 5:22 p.m.

This Committee Meeting is an informational meeting (no voting takes place) that is open to the public as well as live-streamed. *Click here to view the recorded live stream.*

Education Committee Meeting Agenda/Minutes

Committee Members Present:
Brian Reimers - Chair
Amanda Hahn
Jon Kern

Additional Board Members In Attendance:
David O'Donnell
Roberta Rogers

Administration In Attendance:
Dr. Lisa Hoffman
Kelly Cramer

Topics for Discussion:

Approval of Minutes
The committee approved the May meeting minutes.

Future Readiness Center Update
Mr. Gozzard, the high school's Future Readiness Coordinator, presented an update on the Future Readiness Center. The Future Readiness Center is in its second year and focuses on helping students explore opportunities, navigate the process and make informed, financially responsible decisions. He shared various opportunities in place for students to connect with universities, military, apprenticeships, and other career pathways.

Overview of Spring 2026 Testing Data
Dr. Oleksa-Carter shared an overview of the district's state testing data from 2026. Results from PSSA and Keystone ELA and Math were shared and compared to previous years and cohorts.

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Math Focused Inquiry
In the 2025-2026 school year, QCSD partnered with the BCIU to do a focused inquiry of K-8 mathematics in the district. The team conducted interviews and classroom observations in our buildings. Pam Dobson presented findings from the IU.

AP Social Studies Textbooks
The Office for Teaching and Learning presented textbooks for AP Social Studies courses.

Chief Science Officers Program MOU
This is a program with the Bucks County IU.

QCHS TSI non-Title 1 School Plan 2026-2027
Strayer Middle School ATSI non-Title 1 School Plan 2026-2027
Neidig Elementary School Title 1 Schoolwide Plan 2026-2027

Enrollment Update
Enrollment numbers are attached to the agenda. Dr. Hoffman shared updates on class sections.

Public Comment (on agenda item topics only):

Riley McGinty - Richlandtown Borough - Future Readiness Center

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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Pre-K Counts 2026-27 Funding Agreement
Between LifeSpan & Quakertown Community School District (Hereinafter called QCSD)

A. Purpose of Agreement

The purpose of this agreement is to promote and strengthen the partnership between Quakertown Community School District and the LifeSpan Pre-K Counts programs. The spirit behind this agreement is that of cooperative partnership in serving the children of this county.

This agreement outlines the relationship between the QCSD and LifeSpan that is participating in the 2026-27 Pre-K Counts Program with funding for:

Up to 31 Full Time Slots (16 Richland/ 15 Neidig)

Preschool Partner Pass-Through Budget

Note: Full time slots will consist of **at least 5 instructional hours** and will cover 180 days of instruction. (Please allow Preparation time and meet and greet time as additional time, i.e. full time day runs a minimum of 6 hours). Teachers will be paid based on 190 days total.

B. Guiding Principles

In administering the trust imposed by the handling of these funds from the State of Pennsylvania, the parties to this agreement believe that certain basic principles are essential for healthy organizational functioning and sound fiscal practice; and, we subscribe to the following:

1. The QCSD agrees to:

    a. Provide support and outreach for programs as needed
    b. Communicate with the partners to provide information as needed
    c. Provide a nutritional snack and meals for a full day program that meets CACFP guidelines for 3-4 yr. olds. Includes breakfast and lunch and snacks. (Cost of $4.25 per child per day*)
    d. Provide classroom facilities and utilities located at Richland Elementary and Neidig Elementary Schools including a dedicated phone.
    e. Provide school nurse support for the students in the Pre K Counts program including annual vision and hearing screenings as per the PKC regulations within the first 45 days of schools start.

f. Tech support for any devices to support steady connection to QCSD internet.
g. Provide instructional and curriculum alignment support
h. Provide support for the transition from PKC to Kindergarten

2. LifeSpan agrees to:

a. Maintain accurate and complete child and staff records (including required background checks on staff).
b. Maintain a class size not to exceed 20 children with a student/teacher ration not exceeding 20 students for one teacher and one teacher aid in a classroom.
c. Staff must meet education requirements as outlined by OCDEL
d. Report enrollment changes
e. Attend regional meetings
f. Maintain or increase (if applicable) Keystone STARS rating at a STAR 3 or above
g. Comply with training requirements including the Act 48 requirements
h. Use agreed upon curriculum and assessment tool (Note: agreed upon curriculum is Learning Beyond Paper and utilize work sampling.
i. Comply with Community Engagement activity requirements
j. Conform to and adhere with requirements as outlined by OCDEL existing and future announcements
k. Maintain and implement a transition plan
l. Maintain and implement a Parent Involvement plan
m. Implement a Comprehensive Emergency Response Plan
n. Maintain Immunization records and child health reports.
o. Maintain a working relationship with ELRC, IU and Wrap-around child care services
p. Agree not to charge any fee to parents for PA Pre-K Counts Services
q. Maintain center licensure according to CH.3270 Child Care Center regulations.
r. Provide instructional materials for daily classroom operations.
s. Prepare for annual Program Review using PRI.
t. Follow the QCSD approved school calendar for days of service.
u. Conduct teacher effectiveness evaluations and observations in partnership with Bucks County Intermediate Unit and implement the Bucks County Induction Plan.
v. Adhere to the QCSD's board approved health/safety plan.

C. Payment

1. Lifespan will remit payment in a manner agreed upon by the respective parties. Generally, the distribution of funds will be made quarterly. Any adjustments will be made in the final payment.
2. The funding received through the Pre K Counts grant are a restricted funding source and are for use in implementing the Pre-K Counts program and not to supplant other grant funding.
3. Receipts and documentation must be provided to LifeSpan to support the budgeted expenditures:
   Nutritional services at $4.25 per child per day; approx. $25,000. Invoiced separately.
   Space related costs $34,350 annual for 2 classrooms incl. use of outdoor playground space; and Bldg. Maintenance/repairs $2700 annually
   $9262.50 in quarterly payments
   Nurse Stipend up to $250 for annual vision/hearing screenings – 1 X year
4. Payment will be contingent upon full compliance of this Agreement.

D. Terms of Agreement

LifeSpan is entering into this agreement with QCSD for the 2026-27 school year which will include a period of approximately 180 days of instruction for participants. LifeSpan does not guarantee funding beyond the term of the Pre-K Counts agreement held by Unite Way of Bucks County from the State of Pennsylvania Dept. of Education.

In the case of non-compliance and/or non-performance, this agreement may be modified or amended at any time at the discretion of LifeSpan. Further, QCSD specifically releases and holds LifeSpan harmless against any claim arising out of a reduction and/or revocation of funds.

Failure to comply with the provisions of this agreement will be taken seriously and will be reviewed and may lead to termination or suspension of funding. Termination notice will be given in writing detailing reasons for termination of agreement.

LifeSpan may terminate this agreement at any time by giving written notice to QCSD. QCSD reserves the right to discuss a centers decision to terminate this agreement with the participating partners and/or applicable parties. Upon the termination, only reimbursement of expenditures that meet the criteria outlined herein will be distributed to the district.

This agreement shall remain in force from August 2026 through June 2027. The QCSD/Lifespan reserves the right to amend this agreement at any time as it deems necessary.

Lifespan (Provider Name)	Quakertown Community School District (Partner)
By: Nicole Fetherman Executive Director, Nicole Fetherman	By: _____ Superintendent, Dr. Lisa Hoffman
Date: 8/13/26	Date: _____
	By: _____ Board President, David O'Donnell Date: _____



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PRE-K COUNTS 2026-27

About Pre-K Counts

A high-quality Pre-K education gives children a strong start in school and in life. The PA Pre-K Counts program provides **FREE** Pre-K education for eligible children at approved high-quality STAR 3 and STAR 4 Pre-K programs throughout Bucks County.

Eligibility

- **Child's Age:** The child must be 3 or 4 years old by August 31
- **Residency:** The family must live in Pennsylvania (Bucks County children will be given priority)
- **Family Income:** May not exceed 300% of poverty (a family of 4 can earn up to $99,000/year)

Locations

Durham Nockamixon Elementary School
41 Thomas Free Drive
Kintnersville, PA 18930

LifeSpan School & Day Care
2460 John Fries Hwy
Quakertown, PA 18951

Neidig Elementary School
201 N. Penrose Street
Quakertown, PA 18951

Richland Elementary School
500 Fairview Avenue
Quakertown, PA 18951

Questions?

Contact Kimberly Day at kday@lq.org or 267-424-2024.

United Way of Bucks County

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