



August 18, 2021

Good afternoon, BULLDOG NATION!

I am excited to inform you that our 2021-22 school year is off to a successful start!

Our Bulldog staff and students have successfully navigated their first 5 days of school and are on course for a great year. We, of course, have experienced the typical first week of school hiccups that come with new students, new staff, and schedule changes, but in true Bulldog fashion, we have met the challenges head on and conquered them one by one.

Many fun and exciting activities have been taking place in #theCity already this year. We kicked off the school year with our traditional Midnight Madness where the community was treated to a glow in the dark pep rally complete with the 2021-22 Bulldog Cheer Squad and Band of Champions before getting their first glimpse of some Bulldog Football. Students at the high school were introduced to a new dress code through a "What Not to Wear" skit performed by the National Honor Society. The Little Bulldogs at J.K. Hileman survived their first day back and smiled for some super cute "Back to School" pictures, and our Morris Upchurch Middle School crew is busy learning their new schedules and routines while also trying out for volleyball, football and band. "Meet the Bulldogs" was held earlier this week to introduce all the fall sports teams along with the BOC and Cheerleaders. There have already been so many exciting opportunities to support our students this year.

Supporting our students is of the utmost importance at Queen City ISD. We realize the trust involved in sharing your children with us each and every day and do not take that responsibility lightly. Please know that our doors are always open and that teachers and administrators alike are willing to listen and respond to your concerns at each campus. In my short time here, I have already come to the conclusion that Queen City ISD is blessed with some of the best students, most caring teachers, and dedicated administrators in the state. Communication and cooperation between parents and staff contribute to the success of our district and will only continue to make us better.

As we move into the hustle and bustle of fall with band contests, sporting events, ag shows and other programs, I want to remind you of the responsibility we carry when representing our school. The reputation of Queen City ISD is in the hands of not only our students and staff but also our parents and spectators. Please make every effort to conduct yourself in a manner that will bring pride to our schools. Not only will this influence the way that others see us, it will also be an example to our own children.

Unfortunately, an unexpected challenge has also surfaced in the uptick in Covid cases. Please know that student safety is a primary concern for ALL of us at QCISD. We are working diligently



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from the top down to ensure that each student is able to attend school while remaining healthy. Currently, we are not requiring that students wear masks or quarantine for exposure, but know that the situation is being monitored closely. There is a current Covid count on our website at [www.qcisd.net](http://www.qcisd.net) to help keep you informed each day. Custodial staff and teachers are going to great lengths to sanitize and disinfect all three campuses daily while encouraging the use of hand sanitizer and proper hand washing techniques. In short, your students matter to us and we want them safe and healthy, and we will do our part to ensure this.

In closing, I would like to remind you that your child's education is a partnership, and we are thankful to be in this boat with you. I encourage you to jump into this Bulldog Life with both paws...get involved! There are so many opportunities for you to support our students and staff each and every day. Follow us on Facebook or check our events calendar on the website. Together we can make #theclTy even better!

God bless,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Darrian Dover", is written over the typed name.

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