

Expanding College & Career Access & Readiness to Randolph Public Schools

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Left to Right: Randolph Councilor, Ken Clifton; QARI CEO, Philip Chong; QARI Director of Administration, Joanne Kelly; Randolph Public Schools Superintendent, Thea Stovell; Randolph Director of Language Acquisition and World Languages, Hana Walsh

Randolph, MA - Randolph Public Schools (RPS) is partnering with Quincy Asian Resources, Inc. (QARI), a leading Asian and immigrant multi-service organization, to launch the initiative to focus on providing youth mentoring, expanding college access, and introducing career readiness to the students in Randolph. Through this partnership, Randolph graduating seniors can also apply for QARI's scholarship for students who have demonstrated outstanding service to their community.

Town Councilor Ken Clifton who is also a member of QARI's honorary committee expressed his satisfaction with the results of the meeting. "This initiative was born out of my commitment to support our schools and families in a significant way. I commend Superintendent Stovell for being responsive to our offer of support and collaboration. I also thank QARI's CEO Philip Chong for his willingness to work together in support of our residents," said Clifton.

Randolph Public Schools (RPS) is one of school systems in Massachusetts which is committed to high quality learning and teaching with over 2,800 students enrollments from pre-K through 12th grade. RPS provides various resources to support the needs of students and families from Randolph.

“This partnership brings forth another critical step in enhancing Randolph students’ educational experiences by providing additional access to college and career awareness and reducing barriers that disrupt students’ readiness. Students will have an opportunity to give back by mentoring younger classmates, be exposed to various industries, and learn of multiple pathways to college and careers in their areas of interest.” said Thea Stovell, Superintendent of Schools in Randolph, MA.

QARI will work with the RPS team to identify the first cohort of high school students to join the pilot program in youth mentoring, college workshops, and career readiness class. These workshops and pilot programs will be launched in early spring this year.

“We see this partnership will help strengthen our communities and expanding resources and opportunities to immigrant students and their families. With the close proximity between City of Quincy and Town of Randolph, there are many synergies and initiatives would make a lot of sense for community leaders, like QARI and RPS, to work together and help support the growing student needs. We are proud to be called a trusted immigrant community partner and will continue to work relentlessly for our clients.” said Philip Chong, CEO of QARI.

About Randolph Public Schools (RPS)

RPS is comprised of many ethnicities and cultures and is one of the most diverse districts in the Commonwealth. The district contains: one PreK-5 and three K-5 elementary schools, a Grades 6-8 middle school, a Grades 9-12 high school, and the AIM Academy (an alternative school that integrates social-emotional supports and safety nets into traditional classroom instructional practices). RPS offers an assortment of academic, enrichment, music, and sports programming. It prides itself on building partnerships that promote academic excellence and is thrilled to engage with QARI to support our diverse constituents.

About Quincy Asian Resources, Inc. (QARI)

QARI is one of New England’s most progressive multi-service providers that serves the Asian and immigrant populations residing in Quincy, the surrounding South Shore, Merrimack Valley, and Long Island City, New York. QARI started in Quincy, MA when the Quincy Asian population has become the largest per capita in the state of Massachusetts, followed by Boston and Malden, the needs of the services and the organizational strategies to support the rapidly growing Asian and immigrant populations have also been evolved. QARI services and programs include family and community services, adult education, youth development, Workforce Enterprise, and annual cultural festivals.