

Hello Chess Community,

August marks the beginning of a new school year approaching, and for QGCI, a busy month of meetings, planning, and expanding.

Early in August, I met with Ani Martinez, **Remake Learning** Council Community Manager, and we discussed the groundbreaking work of Remake Learning, its goals and initiatives as well as QGCI joining the network in late Fall. This is very exciting news for the chess community because we will now have the skills and connections needed to advocate for chess as a model for education. QGCI partnered with **Pittsburgh Public Schools** in mid-August. Building a relationship between QGCI and PPS is very important to the progress of chess education and opportunities for young chess players in the city of Pittsburgh. Additionally, in late August, **The Mentoring Partnership** of Pittsburgh gave QGCI mentoring resource training. Because chess is a model for mentoring, we are so pleased to have a relationship with The Mentoring Partnership.

Since the start of this project, **Pittsburgh City Government** has been an extraordinary aid and resource for QGCI. We are currently planning events for *Chess Week in Pittsburgh* (the first week of October!). We have *proclamations* from the city to make this official, and we are so lucky that the government cares about chess and its many benefits. We are also working on building *giant chess sets* around the city, so if you would like one in your area, let us know!

The United Way of Pittsburgh is providing QGCI with donor resources. When I met with them, they were eager to help with our project and to provide donors they think would be interested in our project!

Chess programming for Fall 2017 is still being finalized. Look through the calendar on our website for current classes, and as always, contact us to get involved in some way (whether through *young women chess leaders*, *private chess programming*, or just *volunteering for events*). Our website is full of resources. Please sign the petition on our website support chess in Pittsburgh, and remember, always keep playing chess!

Checkmate,

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