



**Bridgeton Public Schools**

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# Superintendent's Summer Edition Bulldog Briefing

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## Welcome Bulldog Team!



A huge thank you to the 128 staff members, administrators, and Board members who made our 2022 **Neighborhood Walk or Ride and Wave** event a success!! Again, it is my absolute pleasure to welcome you to the 2022-2023 school year! I am excited to be entering my third year as your Superintendent of Schools. As you know, I bring a host of experience to the Superintendency, having served as Assistant Superintendent and Chief of Elementary Schools in Trenton, High School Principal in Philadelphia and Camden, as well as Teacher and Vice Principal in Maryland, near Washington, D.C., where I was born and raised.

As we continue to get to know each other, you will find me to be an extremely approachable, knowledgeable, and responsive leader, with the ability to rally the Bridgeton team around our goals and strategies, in order to deliver on the promise of a high-quality, competitive, and appropriate education for all of our district's young people. My approach to improvement has consistently involved a strong emphasis on relationship building and listening, followed up with regular data analysis, goal-setting, progress monitoring, and finally, celebrating our organization's successes.

I know each of you will follow my lead and prioritize strong relationships with our young people and families, ahead of all else. As shared in my [4-min welcome back video](#), we have a great school year ahead of us! We will continue our work in our 5 priority areas:

- (1) College and Career Readiness
- (2) Social Emotional Learning and Mental Health
- (3) Communications and Community Engagement
- (4) Financial and Facilities Management
- (5) Staffing, Recruitment, and Retention

As mentioned in the video, getting this work done at the highest level will take teamwork, trust, and a commitment to getting better each and every day! Remember, if or when things get challenging this year, there is strength in numbers, and we are #strongertogether!



**Ready, Set, Read!**

# Meetings/Community Engagement Aug. 29 Through Sept. 3

- ♦ Attendance Plan Review Meeting
- ♦ Welcome Back Video Recording
- ♦ Literacy Plan Review Meeting
- ♦ BHS Additions Meeting with the SDA
- ♦ Administrative Council Meeting
- ♦ Guided Facilities Tour with Board Members
- ♦ Board Curriculum Committee Meeting
- ♦ Neighborhood Walk, Ride and Wave
- ♦ Board Student Services Committee Meeting

## Upcoming Dates/Events

- ♦ Sept. 7 - First Day of School for Students
- ♦ Sept. 6-10 - Suicide Awareness and Prevention Week
- ♦ Sept. 11 - Grandparents Day
- ♦ Sept. 11 - Patriots Day
- ♦ Sept. 13 - Board Meeting, 6:00 pm in the Board Room at the TCL Admin. Building
- ♦ Sept. 15 - Hispanic Heritage Month begins
- ♦ Sept. 22 - First Day of Autumn
- ♦ Sept. 25 - Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown
- ♦ Markquese Bell Parade/Unity Day
- ♦ Site Visits: BHS, Buckshutem, Broad, Cherry, Indian, QML

Bridgeton Public Schools 2022-2023 Back-To-School Nights		
SCHOOL	DATE	TIME
Broad Street School	Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
GOFEC	Thursday, September 22, 2022	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Buckshutem School	Wednesday, September 21, 2022	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Cherry Street School	Tuesday, September 13, 2022	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Indian Avenue School	Thursday, Sept. 15, 2022	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Quarter Mile Lane School	Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2022 (PK-4) Thursday, Sept. 15, 2022 (5-8)	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
West Avenue School	Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2022 (K-4) Thursday, Sept. 15, 2022 (5-8)	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
ExCEL Program	Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2022	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Bridgeton High School	Thursday, September 22, 2022	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Early College High School	At Bridgeton High School	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

## Neighborhood Walk and Drive Participation

BHS	13
Broad	17
Buck	16
Cherry	20
ExCEL	1
GOFEC	18
Indian	16
QML	12
West	15





# Neighborhood Drive/Walk Welcomes Students, Families to 2022-23 School Year







# Markquese Bell Day



Markquese Bell, BHS Class of 2017 alumnus and newly-signed safety with the Dallas Cowboys, received the keys to the great city of Bridgeton on a day named in his honor. Hundreds of fans and supporters came out to cheer on the NFL rookie in the Jim Hursey Stadium.







# Markquese Bell Day



Markquese Bell is joined by VHS grad Isiah Pacheco (above), a fellow NFL rookie who signed as a running back with the Kansas City Chiefs.





# Our Board Members



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