



**Bridgeton Public Schools**

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**Superintendent's 'Welcome Back' Edition**

# Bulldog Briefing

**Dr. Keith Miles, Jr. • Superintendent of Schools**

## Happy Friday Bulldog Team!

Thanks to all of you, each of our buildings welcomed back our students to clean, festive, inviting environments this week! Our students have been noticeably happy to see staff and their friends who in some cases they haven't seen in a year and a half. Seeing those moments warms your heart. BHS has welcomed back 1604 students so far!!



While our opening has been very successful, we have received many calls from parents regarding bus passes and transportation delays. I am encouraged that each day, we are improving our morning entry and end of day dismissal procedures. I have witnessed drivers making multiple runs, staff members jumping in to offer support in areas outside of their normal duties, and a huge amount of teamwork. Our students and families are truly grateful for our efforts! Because we transport on a tiered system, delays at each of the dismissals causes the next dismissal time to be even further impacted. PreK is our final dismissal and has assumed the brunt of the delays.

The light at the end of the tunnel is each day, the times improve. As you all know, there is currently a national bus driver shortage causing not only us but the consortium and other districts to be short on drivers and thus run delays. We have been contacted by other districts to see if we can help them with their transportation problems; of course, we declined.

### **Next Steps with District Transportation**

We will be attempting to work in unique ways to fill bus aide positions such as:

- Trying to recruit some aides from either the classroom or cafeteria or security that are willing and able to ride as an extra contract.

**Ready, Set, Read!**

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## Meetings/Community Engagements Aug. 30 - Sept. 10

- Individual Check-ins with the Business Administrator, the Director of Human Resources, the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, the Assistant Superintendent of Special Education, and the Director of Bilingual ESL and World Languages.
- Weekly Cabinet Meeting
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- Annual Fathers Thank You Breakfast at West Avenue
- Site visits to the following school sites: BHS, Broad Street, Buckshutem Road, Cherry Street, Indian Avenue, West Avenue, Dr. Geraldyn O. Foster Early Childhood Center, and ExCEL.
- Individual check-ins with principals at the following schools: BHS, Broad Street, Buckshutem Road, Cherry Street, Indian Avenue, West Avenue, Dr. Geraldyn O. Foster Early Childhood Center, and ExCEL.
- Cumberland County Superintendents Roundtable
- August Administrative Council
- Board Agenda Review
- Meeting with Millville and Vineland Superintendents
- First Round Screening of candidates to interview for the following positions: Executive Director of Human Resources and High School Principal
- Great Schools New Jersey Meeting
- Annual Neighborhood Walk
- Department of Health Meeting
- Conversations and negotiations meetings with Association leadership, Business Administrator, Director of HR, Board, and attorneys are ongoing.
- Conversations with the Board President, VP, and other Board members are ongoing.

## Good Morning!

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- *Working with our county consortium to put back our students who we had originally planned to transport if they can provide the bus aide.*
- *Working with HR to try to find FT sub coverage for drivers who are out on leave or who just call out sick.*
- *Finally, we are asking schools to continue to work together to get students on buses as quickly as possible, while still ensuring the safety of our students.*

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In this issue we are happy to highlight the School Safety Officers who serve and protect our students, staff and visitors.

## **Thomas C. Lane IV Administration Building**



**Ken Farrell**  
Director of Safety and Security



**Edward Santiago**  
Asst. Dir. Of Safety and Security



**Ofc. Ralph Hackney**



# Broad Street School



Ofc. Jere Branch



## Buckshutem Road School



Ofc. William Riggins



## Cherry Street School



Ofc. Ricardo Morales



## EXCEL



Ofc. Mark Johnson



Ofc. E. Talcott Wilford



**Geraldyn O. Foster  
Early Childhood Ctr.**



**Ofc. Brian Long**



**West  
Avenue School**



**Ofc. Ruben Gomez**

**Indian  
Avenue School**



**Ofc. Mike Speranza**



**Quarter Mile Lane School**



**Ofc. Steve Ciccio**



**Ofc. Harold Watkins**

# Bridgeton High School



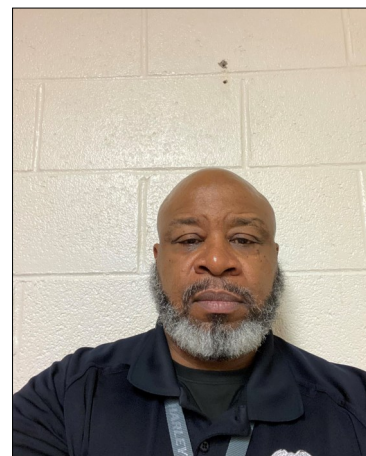
**Ofc. Sizemore Morrissey**



**Ofc. Brian Murphy**

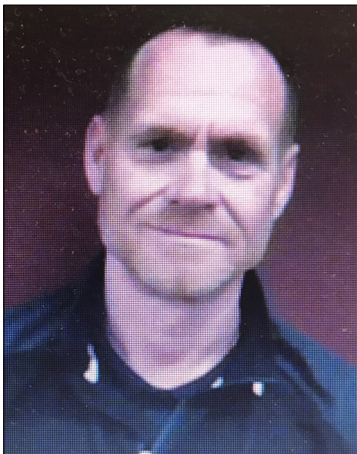


**Ofc. Thomas Speranza**



**Ofc. Mike Williams**

# Substitutes



**Ofc. Anthony Calabrese**



**Ofc. Bill Freitag**



**Ofc. Dominic Pattitucci**



**Ofc. Mark Upham**



# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

