



Bridgeton Public Schools

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Superintendent's Fall Edition Bulldog Briefing

Dr. Keith Miles, Jr. • Superintendent of Schools

Happy Monday Bulldog Team!

I hope everyone had an enjoyable extended weekend and a restful Columbus Day or Indigenous Peoples' Day yesterday! With many of our families speaking indigenous Mexican dialects, this time of year presents a perfect opportunity to add extension activities to make our curriculum as relevant and inclusive as possible. As we formally close out Hispanic Heritage month this week (September 15th-October 15th), please e-mail us (Arletha Lane) any photos capturing any activities held throughout the month for our next briefing.

Reduced Day and Staff Coverage Update

The Bridgeton Board of Education and County Office both reviewed and are supportive of our reduced day plan (2-hour delayed start) to allow instructional staff time to plan and prepare adequately for students. Our plan was approved with the following conditions:

- ⇒ Staff must report at their regular report time.
- ⇒ At least 30 minutes weekly must be dedicated to staff mindfulness or team-building.

Once our Associations, central office leaders, and school-based administrators develop and agree on a feasible plan to operationalize the full day for staff and reduced day for students, we will begin outreach to our families and move this plan forward, providing families at least 10 days advance notice to plan for the adjustment.

Each day, our staff and student quarantine lists are growing longer and coverages continue. Planning time is even more critical as instructional staff members are asked to plan for students in the classroom as well as plan for more and more students at home under Department of Health precautionary exclusions or quarantine. In addition to planning, the time may also be used for staff meetings, PLCs, planning time for small group instruction as well as additional time for cleaning, sanitizing, and staff mindfulness.

Staff Coverage Needed per Day

Week	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
1	Holiday	67	73	99	105
2	99	104	107	112	119
3	121	131	113	117	105
4	115	117	104	124	133
5	115	102	102	115	119

Average Number of Subs Available Daily Last Week- 21

Ready, Set, Read!

COVID Cases in Cumberland County

Cases

DAILY NEW CASES

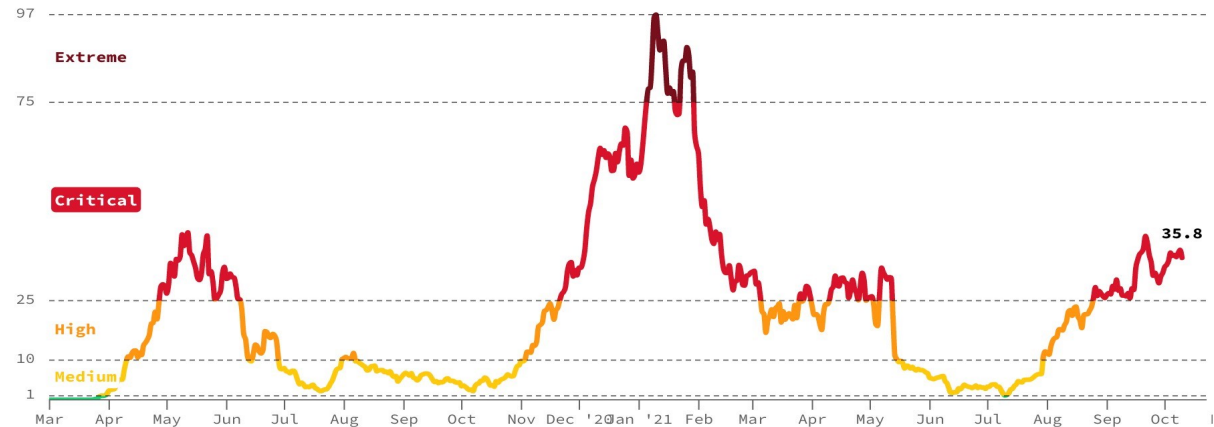
● **35.8** PER 100K

INFECTION RATE

● **1.03**

POSITIVE TEST RATE

● **4.5%**



Meetings/Community Engagement Oct. 4 - 8

- Individual Check-ins with the School Business Administrator, the Executive Director of Human Resources, the Assistant Superintendent of Special Education and Student Services, the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, the Director of Student Services, and the Director of Curriculum English Language Arts, and the Director of Technology.
- College Partnerships Strategy Meeting
- October Board Agenda Review Meeting
- ECHS Administrator Support Meeting
- BHS Leadership Transition Planning Meeting
- Bilingual Supervisor Finalist Interview
- Leadership Team Meeting
- Student Services Board Committee Meeting
- Conversations and negotiations meetings with Association leadership, Business Administrator, Director of Human Resources, Board, and attorneys are ongoing.
- Conversations with the Board President, Vice President, and other Board members are ongoing.

Staff out for Quarantine and FMLA

TCL ADMINISTRATION	0
BANK ANNEX	5
BHS	9
BROAD	4
BUCKSHUTEM	2
CHERRY	0
EXCEL	0
DR. GOFEC	2
INDIAN	0
QML	2
WEST AVE	2

Staff on full FMLA - 34

Staff out intermittent FMLA - 65

Upcoming Dates/Events

- ♦ September 15 through October 15th – Hispanic Heritage Month
- ♦ Tuesday, October 12 - Board Meeting, 6 pm at BHS
- ♦ Friday, October 15 - Job Fair
- ♦ Friday, October 22 - Homecoming, kick-off at 6 pm (BHS vs. Paul VI)
- ♦ Multiple Upcoming Negotiations Meetings

Remembering a Bridgeton Icon

Rebecca “Becky” Guess

November 6, 1949 - October 5, 2021



*In Loving Memory of Ms. Guess
The Light Remains
There are some who bring
A light so great to the world,
That even after they have gone
The light remains.*



Attendance Campaign Kickoffs



Student Exclusions and Positive Cases

School	Exclusion	Positive Cases
IAS	38	5
CSS	40	4
BRS	32	2
QML	24	1
BSS	247	2
BHS	68	14
WAS	170	10
ECHS	0	0
EXCEL	27	5
GOFECC	26	2
Total	672	45





This week's issue highlights the district's Student Services Team.

Student Services



Dr. Chris Tavani
Director
of Student Services



Ashley Gonzalez
BHS
Guidance Counselor

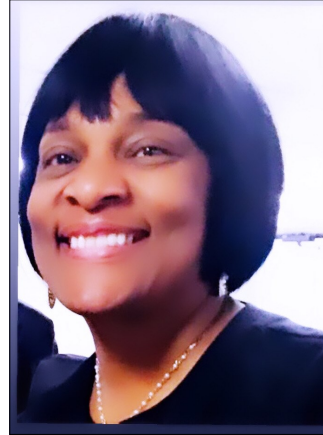


Cassandra Logan
BHS
Attendance Officer

Student Services



Christine Brennan
BHS
Guidance Counselor



Debra Byrd
BHS
**Dropout Prevention
Specialist**



Digna Febres
BHS
Attendance Officer



Gaye Davis
BHS
**In-School Suspension
Counselor**

Student Services



Ida Bonavita
BHS
Student Assistance
Coordinator



Issa Marquina-Jacobo
BHS
Guidance Counselor

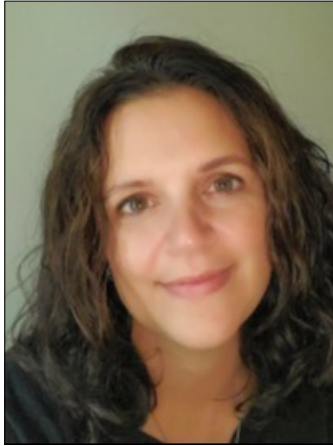


Joanna Powell-Chestnut
BHS
Students In Transition
Coordinator



Justin Howell
BHS
Guidance Counselor

Student Services



Leigha Saulin
BHS
Guidance Counselor

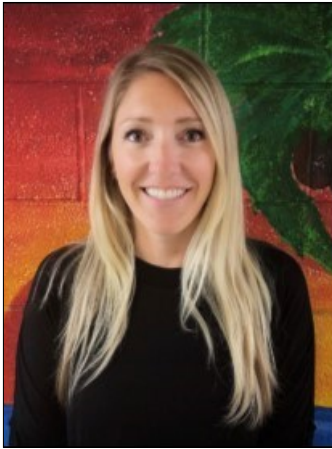


Lynnae Hill
BHS
Guidance Counselor



Osco Williams
BHS
Attendance Officer

Student Services



Shelby Burger
BHS
Attendance Officer



Steven Lane
BHS
Attendance Officer



Terra Dower
BHS
Guidance Counselor



William Waterman
BHS
School-to-Career
Coordinator

Student Services



Daniel Calderon
Broad
Attendance Officer



Elissa Llerandi
Broad
Guidance Counselor



Elizabeth Corbett
Broad
Guidance Counselor



Maite Reyes
Broad
Guidance Counselor

Student Services



Melody Jones
Broad
Attendance Officer



Rebecca Zielinski
Broad
Guidance Counselor



Sequoya Taylor
Broad
Attendance Officer



Valerie Walters
Broad
Crisis Intervention
Specialist

Student Services



Elaine Wymbs
Buckshutem
Guidance Counselor



Levi Feeney
Buckshutem
Attendance Officer



Maci Rios
Buckshutem
Crisis Intervention
Specialist



Maria Jimenez
Buckshutem
Guidance Counselor

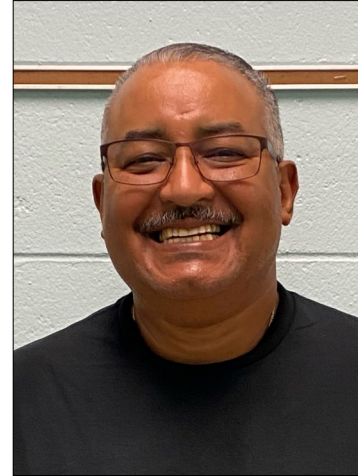


Maria Martini
Buckshutem
Guidance Counselor

Student Services



Alexandra Table
Cherry
Crisis Intervention
Specialist



Daniel Martinez
Cherry
Guidance Counselor



Not Pictured
Luz Batie
Cherry
Guidance Counselor



Edward Fentress
Cherry
Attendance Officer



Marie Keith
ExCEL
Guidance Counselor

Student Services



Alison Hoehn
Indian
Guidance Counselor



Christie Konzik
Indian
Guidance Counselor



Domonique Street
Indian
Crisis Intervention
Specialist



Gilnilda Lebron
Indian
Guidance Counselor



Ivonne Ramos
Indian
Attendance Officer

Student Services



Alicia Wright
QML
Crisis Intervention
Specialist



Ashley Logan
QML
Attendance Officer



Beth Sokolic
QML
Guidance Counselor



Daniel Fimiani
QML
Guidance Counselor



LaVerne Sease-Batie
QML
Guidance Counselor

Student Services



Damita White-Morris
West
Attendance Officer



Jodie Mazza
West
Guidance Counselor



LaToyia Jones
West
Guidance Counselor



Robert Parker
West
Crisis Intervention
Specialist