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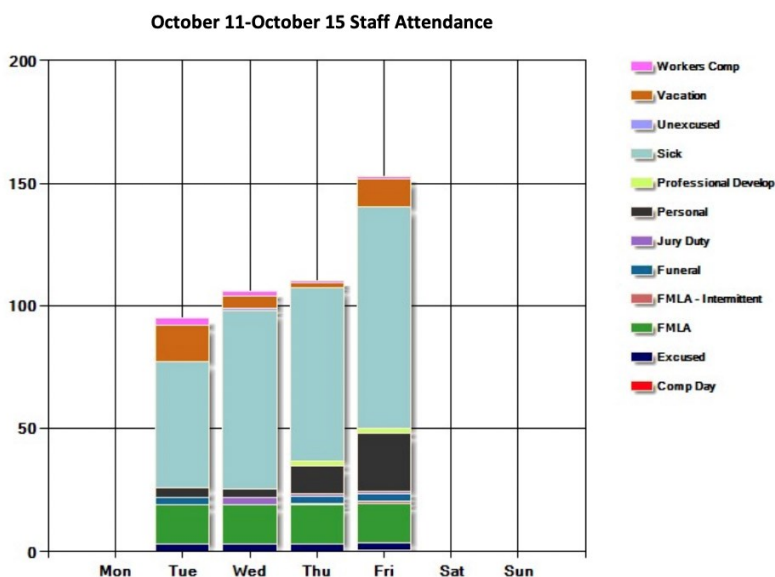
Superintendent's Fall Edition Bulldog Briefing

Dr. Keith Miles, Jr. • Superintendent of Schools

Happy Monday Bulldog Team!

COVID-19 cases are declining across New Jersey, and we recently saw a downgrade in our risk level in Cumberland County from "critical" to "high" which is hopeful. We were also able to extend 11 offers at this past Friday's Hiring Fair. Despite these two encouraging updates, we are not out of the woods just yet. These remain unprecedented times, and [school districts across the nation are like us, addressing challenges daily with staffing, staff burnout, transportation, and staff and student precautionary exclusions.](#)

After considering the pros and cons of an early release or delayed start for students to mitigate staff burn out, and to make room for staff collaboration, planning, and team-building, we have decided to step back from the idea of a 5-day a week reduced day. Ultimately, while well intended, the plan does not solve our



staffing challenges and reduces instructional minutes for students. I am asking our district and school leaders along with our Association leadership to develop and submit new proposals and strategies we can employ to accelerate learning while managing persistent staffing challenges. Please share any ideas you might have with me directly or with your leaders. These are challenging times, which will require an outside of the box and thoughtful solution. We are open to all ideas and suggestions.

Staff Vaccination Implementation - Executive Order 253

As we implement EO 253 today (Monday, October 18), please be reminded that vaccination cards may still be submitted to Mrs. McCoy in HR. I am certain none of our staff members would engage in such behavior, but please be mindful that falsifying a vaccine card is a federal offense; the health department and/or local authorities will be following up on any questionable cards submitted to meet the Governor's vaccine or testing mandate. Please govern yourselves ethically and accordingly.

Ready, Set, Read!

COVID Cases in Cumberland County

Cases

DAILY NEW CASES

● **24.6** PER 100K

INFECTION RATE

● **0.93**

POSITIVE TEST RATE

● **5.9%**



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	3
WEST AVE	2

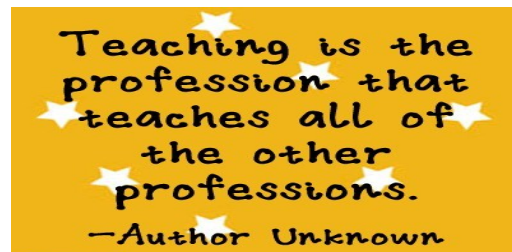
Staff on full FMLA - 28

Staff out intermittent FMLA - 66

School	Exclusion	Positive Cases
IAS	20	5
CSS	28	4
BRS	44	2
QML	25	2
BSS	133	2
BHS	40	14
WAS	130	12
ECHS	0	0
EXCEL	4	4
GOFEC	18	2
Total	442	47

Upcoming Dates/Events

- ◆ BHS Homecoming Football Game – Friday, October 22, 2021 @ 6pm
- ◆ Administrative Council Meeting – Thursday, October 21, 2021 @ 8:30am
- ◆ District Pandemic Response Team Meeting – Tuesday, October 26, 2021 @ 10am



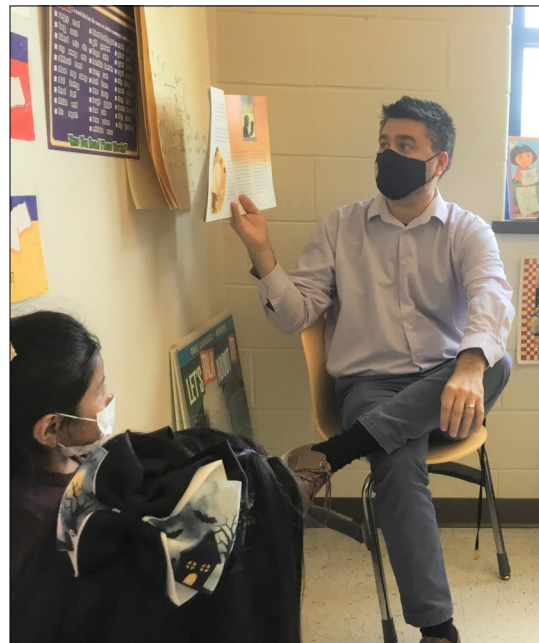
Celebrating Hispanic Heritage



Meetings/Community Engagement Oct. 11 - 15

- Individual Check-ins with the School Business Administrator, the Executive Director of Human Resources, and the Assistant Superintendent of Special Education and Student Services.
- October Board Meeting
- Cabinet Meeting
- Cumberland County Positive Youth Development Coalition Meeting
- BHS Pep Rally
- Cherry Street Attendance Campaign Kick Off
- Facilities Board Committee Meeting
- Personnel 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.

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage





This week's Bulldog Briefing highlights the district's award-winning Food Services Team.

Food Services



Warren DeShields
Director
of Food Services



Jacqueline Mermer
Assistant Director
of Food Services



Allison Metelow
District
Nutritionist

Food Services



Leah Fahber
Food Services
Secretary



Jennifer Reed
FoodCorps
School Nutrition
Service Member



Lee Marie Gonzalez
Food Services
Bookkeeper

Food Services



Amanda Shaffer
BHS
Cook



Brittany Stanton
BHS
Food Service Worker



Erica Smith
BHS
Food Service Worker



Gwendlyn Dinicola
BHS
Food Service Worker

Food Services



Jasmine Soto
BHS
Food Service Worker



Jeri Hudson
BHS
Food Service Worker



Mildred Vila
BHS
Food Service Worker

Food Services



Nicole Butcher
BHS
Manager

Not Pictured

BHS
Food Service Workers

Jerrilyn Hadley

Katelyn Wilson

Mandi Buggy

Mikilea Clark



Robin Shaffer
BHS
Food Service Worker



Tamar Todd
BHS
Food Service Worker

Food Services



Alma Rojas-Espinoza
Broad
Food Service Worker



Charly Brooks
Broad
Manager



Chelsea Merritt
Broad
Food Service Worker

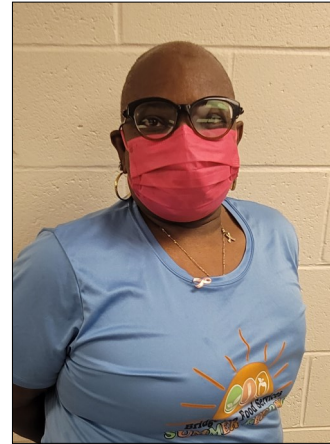


Harriett Johnson
Broad
Food Service Worker

Food Services



Jennifer Ailes
Broad
Food Service Worker



Judy Bryant
Broad
Food Service Floater



Laura Thomas
Broad
Food Service Worker



Lena Hornes-Mathews
Broad
Food Service Worker

Food Services



Phyllis Cobb
Broad
Food Service Worker



Rachel Diorio
Broad
Food Service Worker



Ronald Street Jr.
Broad
Food Service Aide



Susan Schweibinz
Broad
Food Service Worker

Food Services



Amanda Lewis
Buckshutem/GOFECC
Food Service Worker



Elizabeth Cortes
Buckshutem/GOFECC
Food Service Floater



Lencola Jones
Buckshutem/GOFECC
Manager



Maria Ortiz
Buckshutem/GOFECC
Food Service Worker

Food Services



Monique Goff
Buckshutem/GOFECC
Cook



Shania Jupin
Buckshutem/GOFECC
Food Service Worker



Tameka Williams
Buckshutem/GOFECC
Food Service Worker

Food Services



Alexandra Valle Rivera
Cherry
Food Service Aide



Jackeline Ortiz-Ibarra
Cherry
Food Service Aide



Joanne Burgos
Cherry
Food Service Aide



Sara DeJesus
Cherry
Food Service Aide

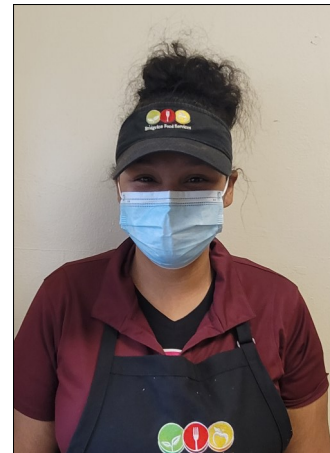


Tanya Bard
Cherry
Assistant Manager

Food Services



Emma Rojas
ExCEL
Food Service Aide



Erika Allen
ExCEL
Food Service Aide

Food Services



Christine Simpson
Indian
Assistant Manager



Cynthia Dean
Indian
Food Service Aide



Donna Marlette
Indian
Food Service Aide



Meaghan Butcher
Indian
Food Service Aide

Food Services



Erica Shaffer
QML
Manager



Mattie Murray
QML
Food Service Worker



Jackie Russell
QML
Food Service Worker



Sylvia Reyes-Bravo
QML
Cook



Tiffany McCloy
QML
Food Service Worker

Food Services



Barbara Thompson
West
Assistant Manager



Donna Bellone
West
Food Service Aide



Estrelita Vargas-Bautista
West
Food Service Aide



Guadalupe Hernandez-Jeronimo
West
Food Service Aide



Jordan Pittman
West
Food Service Aide

Our Board Members



Mary Peterson
President



Tyrone Williams
Vice President



Angelia Edwards
Member



Dionne Edwards
Member



Albert Morgan
Member



Erica Mosley
Member



Ricardo Perez
Member



Kenny Smithbey Jr.
Member



Ashlee Todd
Member