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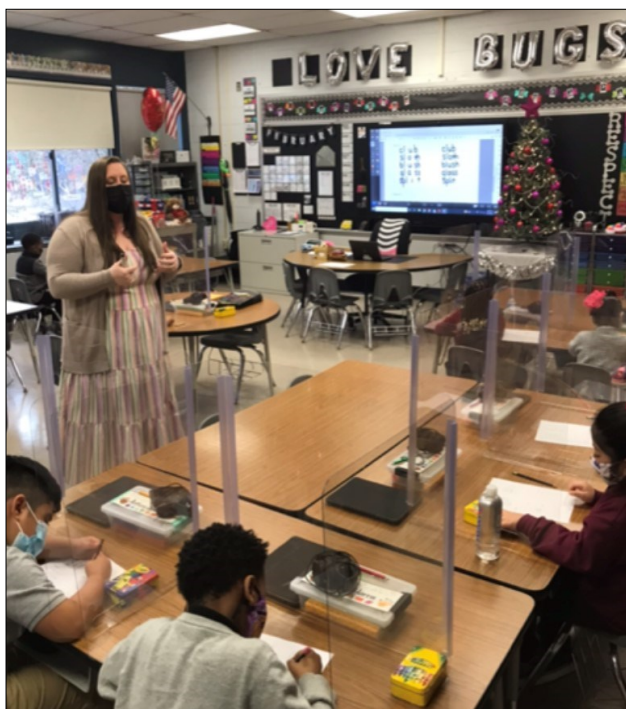
# Superintendent's Winter Edition Bulldog Briefing

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

## Happy “Twosday” Bulldog Team!

I hope everyone had an enjoyable and rejuvenating extended Presidents Day weekend!

We are continuing to make positive progress with COVID rates. This week, 325 of our 6197 students are learning from home. New Jersey's [CALI score](#) has been downgraded to yellow across the entire state. I know many of you are anxious about the mask mandate being lifted by Governor Murphy on Monday, March 7th. As of today, we plan to continue with our masking requirement on March 7th, and closely follow CDC guidance as it relates to changes to our safety protocols.



I would like to shout out Mrs. Lindsey Willett, 1st grade educator at West Avenue! Lindsey's literacy lesson on Thursday was outstanding. As a result of her interactive and engaging Orton Gillingham lessons, her “love bugs” are on track to being amazing readers. Mrs. Willett is an outstanding teacher! She shares her expertise with her colleagues, and consistently serves as a mentor teacher.

### Upcoming Dates/Events

- ♦ Feb. 22 - District Pandemic Response Team Meeting
- ♦ Mar. 2 - One Session for Students: Wellness Wednesday
- ♦ Mar. 18 - One Session for Students: Professional Development

**Ready, Set, Read!**

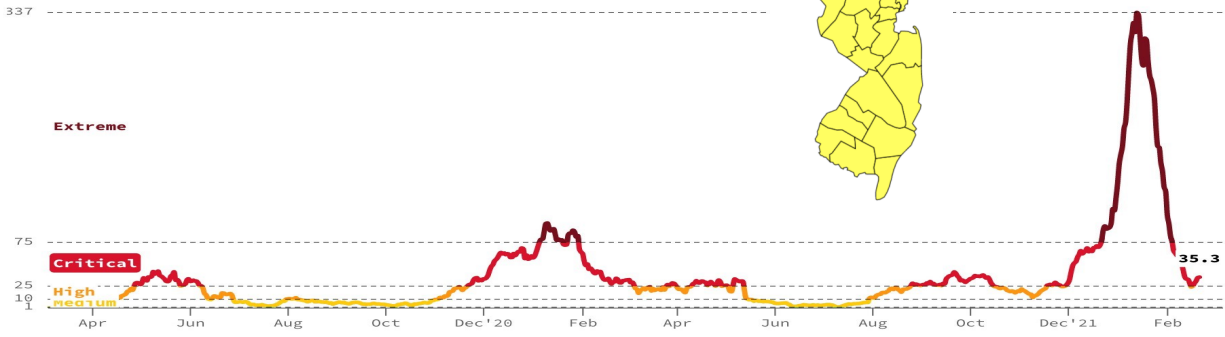
# Cumberland County COVID-19 Cases Update

## Cases

DAILY NEW CASES  
● **35.3** PER 100K

INFECTION RATE  
● **0.70**

POSITIVE TEST RATE  
● **3.5%**



## Meetings/Community Engagement February 14 - 17

- ◆ 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, and the Director of Students Services.
- ◆ February Administrative Council
- ◆ African American Read-in at West Avenue
- ◆ Big Brothers, Big Sisters Meeting
- ◆ Affirmative Action Cases & Updates Meeting
- ◆ Led Leadership Team Meeting
- ◆ Attended Senior Night - BHS Bulldogs vs. Millville
- ◆ Conversations and negotiations meetings with Association leadership, Business Administrator, Board members, and attorneys are ongoing.
- ◆ Conversations with the Board President, Vice President, and other Board members are ongoing.

Student Exclusions		
School	Exclusions	Positive Cases
BHS	37	103
BRS	21	32
BSS	13	52
CSS	12	65
ECHS	0	3
ExCEL	2	15
Dr. GOF	25	24
IAS	18	26
QML	136	39
WAS	61	47
<b>Total</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>406</b>



Retired Bridgeton Public Schools administrator **Austin P. Gould** passed away on February 10, 2022 at the age of 90. Mr. Gould was a lifelong educator and began his teaching career at Vaux Junior High School in Philadelphia, PA. He eventually returned home and taught music in the Bridgeton district for 36 years, as both choral director and music supervisor. He touched many students' lives throughout his career and was recognized everywhere in the community. A graduate of Bridgeton High School, Mr. Gould also was a BHS Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame inductee.

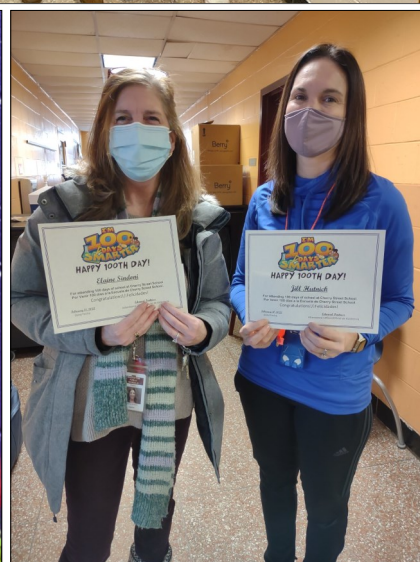
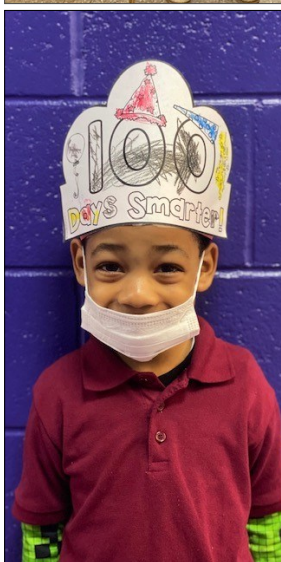




# WE ARE 100 DAYS SMARTER



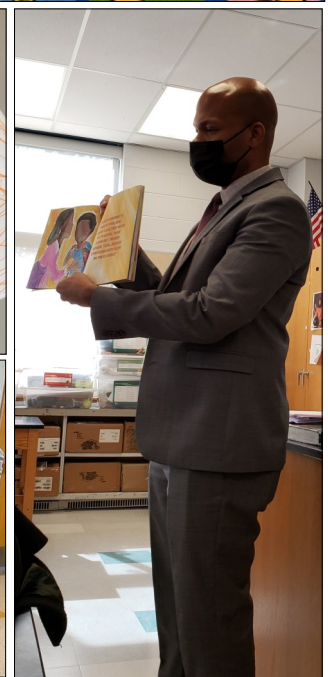
*This week, Bridgeton Public Schools celebrated the 100th Day of School. Students were greeted by "Happy 100th Day of School" banners and balloons and staff handed out prizes and goodies to students as they arrived. Throughout the day, staff stopped by various classrooms to greet and chat with students. Students with perfect attendance were invited to events where they were able to "Glow, Groove & Game!" They played a variety of games and activities, took pictures against the music themed photo backdrops, and socialized and listened to music throughout the day. The students also received certificates of recognition, pizza, popcorn and beverages. It was a wonderful event!*







# Celebrate 100 DAYS of School



"Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it."  
-Marian Wright Edelman, Children's Rights Activist and Lawyer



# Our Board Members



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**President**



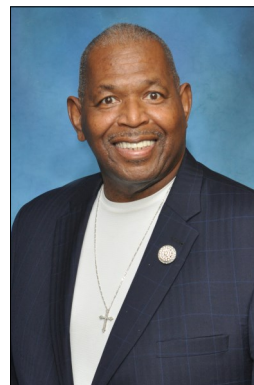
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