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# Superintendent's Spring Edition Bulldog Briefing

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## Happy Monday Bulldog Team!

With spring upon us, the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period last week, and being just 3 days out from Spring break, our school year is certainly moving along! Despite COVID rates slowly increasing nationally, Cumberland County maintains a green COVID activity level Index rating and has only seen slight increases in cases. The Board of Education and I will take up the question of mandatory masking again at tomorrow night's Board meeting.

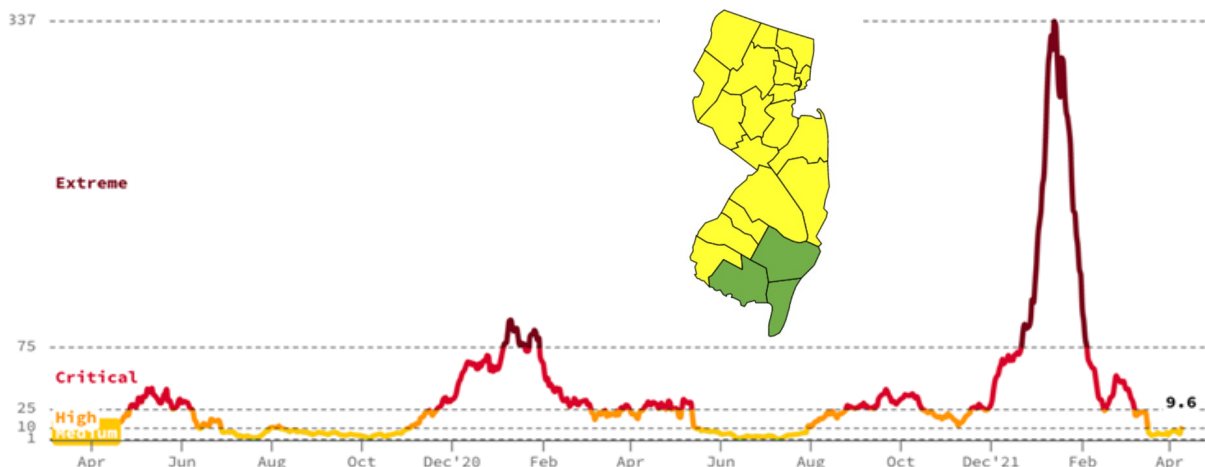
All staff should be seeing increased numbers of substitute teachers supporting our schools across the district. You will notice our daily fill rate has moved from the single digits to between 30% and 40% consistently. As a result of the hard work of our HR department and the administrators who participated in last week's job fair at BHS, we were able to make offers to 9 teachers, 1 Psychologist, 1 LDTC, 1 Bus Driver, and 1 Cafeteria Aide for hire.

Many staff have inquired about national Bring Your Child to Work day on April 28th. We will not participate this year due to COVID concerns and the overlap with the NJSLA testing window. We can certainly revisit this decision next year.



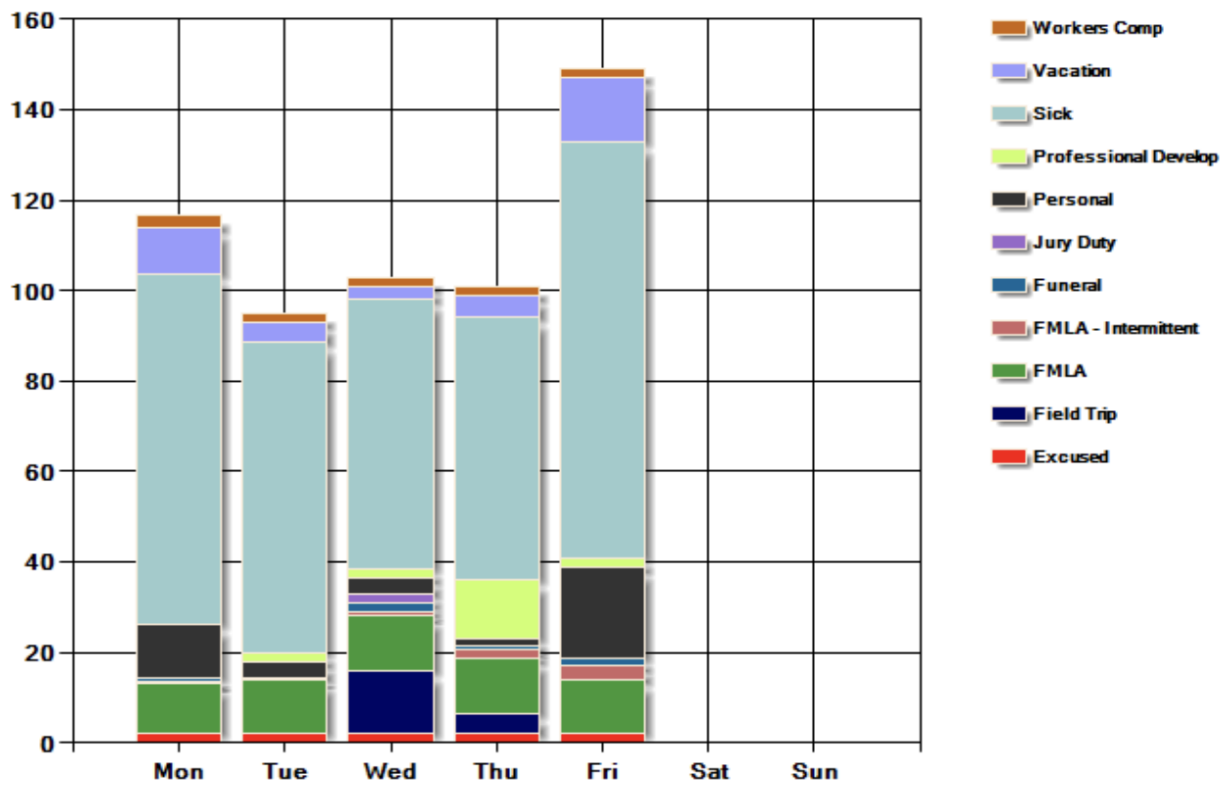
### Cases

DAILY NEW CASES      INFECTION RATE      POSITIVE TEST RATE  
● **9.6 PER 100K**      ● **1.04**      ● **1.0%**



**Ready, Set, Read!**

## Apr. 4<sup>th</sup> – Apr. 8<sup>th</sup> Staff Attendance



Apr. 4<sup>th</sup> – Apr. 8<sup>th</sup> Fill Rate – 34%

## Meetings/Community Engagement April 4 - April 8

- ◆ Individual Check-ins with the School Business Administrator, the Executive Director of Human Resources, the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, the Assistant Superintendent of Special Education and Student Services, the Director of Student Services, and the Director of Bilingual ESL
- ◆ Led Leadership Team Meeting
- ◆ Board Finance Committee Meeting
- ◆ Board Facilities Committee Meeting
- ◆ Hosted County Executive Superintendent Bob Bumpus on a site visit to BHS
- ◆ BHS Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Dinner
- ◆ Board Agenda Review Meeting with Cabinet
- ◆ NJSPRA Key Messaging Training
- ◆ Board Policy Committee Meeting
- ◆ Meeting to Discuss our DEI contract and partnership
- ◆ Department of Health Webinar and COVID-19 Up-

date

- ◆ Board Student Services Committee Meeting
- ◆ Organizational Chart Discussion Meeting
- ◆ Evaluation Meetings with Principals and District Administrators are ongoing.
- ◆ 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.

### Upcoming Dates/Events

- ◆ Apr. 11-14 - Parent-Teacher Conferences
- ◆ Apr. 12 - BOE Meeting
- ◆ Apr. 14 - Administrative Council
- ◆ Apr. 15 - Good Friday and beginning of Spring Break

# Four Alumni Inducted Into BHS Hall of Fame



The family of the late Patricia Dames Bayron (bottom photo) were among the guests celebrating the newest inductees into the BHS Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame who also included Iris Perez Santiago (left), Nancy Messick Sungenis (below left) and John Boykin III (below).





## Broad St. Hosts Family Health, Fitness & Art Expo







## **Tim Zoyac is a Literacy Leader!**

Mr. Timothy Zoyac is a literacy leader! Mr. Zoyac is a BHS graduate and has worked in the district since 2009 as a substitute, attendance officer, and in his current role as the Pathways Project Manager.

He recalls attending the BHS production of "Once Upon a Mattress" in 6th grade and says that performance inspired him to pursue musical theatre. Mr. Zoyac continues to share that passion with the Pathways students infusing the arts within the program and says his favorite part of the job is instilling a love for the arts in the next generation of Bridgeton Students. His favorite book is *Go, Dog, Go*, but he also reads books about history or those discussing ways God has revealed himself in people's lives.

Mr. Zoyac is a huge part of the Ready, Set, Read Campaign, spearheading last year's Read Across Bridgeton series and the First Read Fridays. One of Mr. Zoyac's favorite Pathways events was giving each student a bookbag containing a set of the Dairy of a Wimpy Kid books!

He is thankful for great colleagues like Mr. Macchia, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Wilchensky, and Mr. Dolente, who have helped him take on leadership roles. Outside of work, Mr. Zoyac is heavily involved in activities supporting Bridgeton and

Cumberland County, such as the Bridgeton Main Street Association and the Teen Arts Festival.

Mr. Zoyac's advice to new teachers is, "There will always be more things to do, but you can only do them if you are rested. Take time for yourself, the world will keep spinning and keep moving, but you can't if you don't have the energy for yourself!"



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