



Superintendent's School Opening **Bulldog Briefing**

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Happy Friday Bridgeton Team!



With the Thanksgiving holiday approaching next week, I hope each of you enjoy this time to safely pause and reflect on the positive things for which we can all be grateful! Living a life filled with gratitude can be a game changer. Others say it this way:

1. "When I started counting my blessings, my whole life turned around."
- Willie Nelson
2. "Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things." - Robert Brault
3. "Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow." - Melody Beattie
4. "When we focus on our gratitude, the tide of disappointment goes out and the tide of love rushes in." - Kristin Armstrong
5. "When you are grateful – when you see what you have – you unlock blessings to flow in your life." - Suze Orman

Nov. 30th Payroll

To assist everyone in enjoying their holiday, and to provide some additional online shopping days, our November 30th payroll will be deposited on Wednesday, November 25th.

Have a safe holiday everyone!

COVID-19 UPDATE

As you know, we have been closely monitoring our COVID-19 cases, and since October 13th, we are up to 16 confirmed cases (14 staff and 2 students). In a meeting this week with the Cumberland County Health Department, an Epidemiologist, and other Superintendents, we looked at data which indicated a +116% increase in COVID cases the week following Halloween. With the nationwide and local spikes in positive cases, and to be proactive when considering the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, our district, along with many districts across the region, has decided to transition to 100% remote from **Monday, November 30th through Friday, January 15th**. At this time, we are projecting that in-person instruction would resume on **Tuesday, January, 19th** at the current capacity. The

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district will evaluate the continuation of employee accommodations as we enter the new year.

As of today, our COVID-19 totals since 10/13 are currently at: **16**

- 1 Positive Staff Case at **Broad Street**
- 3 Positive Staff Case at **Buckshutem Road**
- 1 Positive Staff Case at **Cherry Street**
- 1 Positive Staff Case at **Indian Avenue**
- 4 Positive Staff Cases at **Quarter Mile Lane**
 - Building was temporarily closed for in-person
 - Reopened on November 9th
- 2 Positive Staff Cases at **West Avenue**
- 4 Positive Cases at **BHS**
 - Two student cases
 - Two staff cases
 - Building shifted to 100% remote through November 25th



Data Reflects the Number of Students Reporting In-Person	Monday, November 16	Tuesday, November 17	Thursday, November 19	Friday, November 20
Broad St School	109 / 890	113 / 890	91 / 890	94 / 890
Buckshutem Rd School	68 / 664	68 / 664	76 / 664	45 / 664
Cherry St School	31 / 532	27 / 532	43 / 532	42 / 532
ExCEL Program	17 / 149	13 / 149	18 / 149	13 / 149
Indian Ave School	63 / 651	65 / 651	59 / 651	66 / 651
QML School	20 / 732	31 / 732	18 / 732	28 / 732
West Ave School	36 / 521	46 / 521	42 / 521	53 / 521
Bridgeton High School	0 / 1437	0 / 1437	0 / 1437	0 / 1437
Early College High School	0 / 97	0 / 97	0 / 97	0 / 97
Dr. G.O.F.E.C.C.	80 / 263	77 / 263	94 / 263	93 / 263
District-Wide	424 / 5936	440 / 5936	441 / 5936	434 / 5936

STAFF EXPECTATIONS DURING OUR 100% REMOTE TRANSITION (11/30-1/15)

Buildings will be open Tuesdays & Thursdays 8-4pm. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays are remote unless noted otherwise below.

- Certificated Staff & Support Staff: working full contractual day (100% remote); may report to building on Tuesdays/Thursdays.
- Custodial & Maintenance Staff: will report in person to maintain the facilities; a schedule of working hours will be provided by your Supervisor.
- Food Service Staff: will report in person to continue food preparation and distribution; a schedule of working hours will be provided by your Supervisor.

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- Transportation Staff: Bus Drivers and Bus Aides will be assigned work based on district needs. Any driver with a route for a school or district that is not virtual, will be expected to complete his or her assigned routes. Schedules will be provided by your Supervisor.
- Security Staff: (in-person) will report when office personnel or food service are present; schedules will be provided by your Supervisor. All Security staff are expected to be available during regular day.
- School Secretarial Staff: Tuesdays & Thursdays (in-person) or as needed.
- Bank Street Staff: Tuesdays & Thursdays (in-person) or as needed.
- Central Administration & Building Administration: Tuesdays & Thursdays (in-person) or as needed.

Curriculum & Instruction: Teachers and students will utilize the full day 7.5 hour Phase 1 schedule, which includes the 75-minute Daily remote Block. The daily remote block should be used for small group instruction, remediation, as well as enrichment lessons. Please be reminded that all students are not required to attend the entire 75-minute block in its entirety, however all instructional staff must be available during the daily remote block each day.

All staff members are expected to be available and perform their duties during the contractual day when remote. In addition, all staff are expected to check email daily, unless you have taken a sick, personal, or vacation day. Please ensure you have Jabber downloaded to receive calls.

Meetings and Community Engagements for the Week of November 16th to November 20th

- Individual meetings with the Business Administrator, the Director of Human Resources, the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Director of Special Education, Director of Research, Evaluation and Testing, Director of Technology, and the Director of Bilingual/ESL
- Restart Committee Meeting with Pandemic Response Liaisons from all Schools
- Cumberland County Superintendents Meeting with the Department of Health and County Superintendent
- Conversations with Association Leadership are ongoing
- Conversations and meetings with the Board President, VP, and other Board members are ongoing
- November Administrative Council
- Leadership Team Meeting
- Meetings with Vineland, Millville, and Cumberland County Technical Superintendents
- Transportation Discussion with Hopewell

Township

- Institute for Student Achievement Leadership Professional Development Planning Meeting
- Holiday COVID-19 Exposure Logistics Planning Meeting with District Leadership

Upcoming Dates/Events

- Wednesday, November 25, 2020 - One Session Day
- School Closed on Thursday & Friday November 26-27, 2020 for the Thanksgiving Holiday
- Special Education Parent Advisory Group meeting on December 10 & 17, 2020
- December Administrative Council on Thursday, December 17th