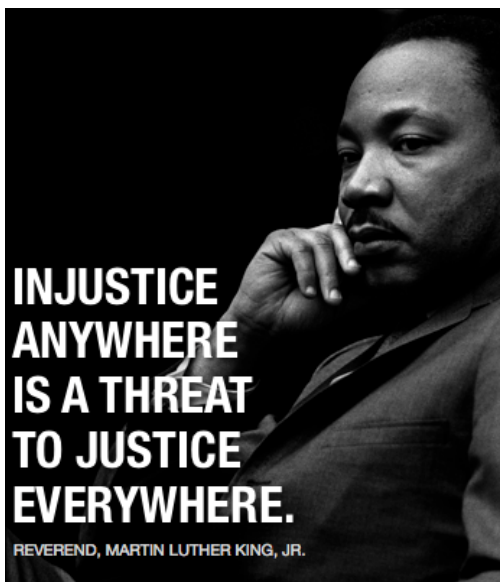




Superintendent's Winter Edition Bulldog Briefing

Dr. Keith Miles, Jr. • Superintendent of Schools



Happy Tuesday Bulldog Team!

Yesterday, we paused to honor the late Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who over 60 years ago imagined a dream for America.

"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed...we hold these truths to be self evident that all men are created equal...I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

Meals for the Week of Jan. 11th

Students Served:
2,415

Meals Served:
25,907



Cumberland County, NJ

SHARE

RECEIVE ALERTS

COVID RISK LEVEL

Severe outbreak

Cumberland County is currently experiencing a severe outbreak. Take all possible precautions to avoid exposure.

ALERT

The U.S. is in a third COVID wave. Exercise extra caution in order to reduce your risk of infection, to avoid infecting others, and to avoid overwhelming our healthcare system. [Learn more.](#)

DAILY NEW CASES

78.7 PER 100K

Very dangerous number of new cases

INFECTION RATE

1.06

COVID is still spreading, but slowly

POSITIVE TEST RATE

12.5%

Indicates insufficient testing

ICU CAPACITY USED

79%

Can likely handle a new wave of COVID

TRACERS HIRED

Unknown

Insufficient data to assess

Beta

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Ready, Set, Read!

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While we are closer to Dr. King's ideal America, recent events at the Capitol as well as repeated incidents of Blacks being killed disproportionately at the hands of police remind us we still have a long way to go. For those of us who embarked on a career in education with a heart for service, a love for humanity, and a desire for a brighter tomorrow, we have our work cut out for us. School is still the place where we learn reading, writing, and arithmetic. School is also the place where we must reinforce values like fairness, forgiveness, honesty, kindness, humility, and gratitude.

District-wide, we will continue delivering critical and needed lessons around teamwork, tolerance, and responsibility, lessons embedded in our SEL curriculum. Recognizing that students' socialization opportunities have been greatly reduced during our 100% remote period, we will continue to monitor COVID-19 cases in our school community and meet with our Pandemic Response teams in hopes of returning to in-person learning as quickly as possible. In the meantime, our transmission rates are high, and we will remain 100% remote until further notice, at least through February 16th, with students projected to resume hybrid instruction on **February 18th**.

As a result of our County being in "severe outbreak" status, the following is recommended:

Recommended actions

FOR CUMBERLAND COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

These recommendations match the guidelines set by the **White House Coronavirus Task Force**, **Harvard Global Health Institute**, and the **CDC**. Based on Cumberland County, New Jersey's new cases per 100k in the last 7 days (488.9) and positive test rate (12.5%), people in Cumberland County, New Jersey are advised to adhere to the following recommendations. [Learn more](#).



VACCINATION INFORMATION

Staff can register for a COVID-19 vaccine through a secure state website using the following link <https://covidvaccine.nj.gov/>. Please also help us as we plan for resuming in-person learning by completing our 15 second staff [vaccination survey](#).



Travel should be avoided unless necessary.



Masks should be mandated and worn by everyone outside their home.



Gyms should be avoided and required to close.



Schools: Enable remote learning for all students. All government levels should invest in remote learning.



Gatherings should be avoided with people outside the immediate household.



Bars should be avoided and required to close.



Restaurants should max at 25% capacity. Local governments must assist in expanding outdoor dining opportunities. Customers should use take-out or eat outdoors socially distanced.

Upcoming Dates/Events

- January Regular Board Meeting - Jan. 19 at 6 pm
- January Administrative Council Meeting - Jan. 21
- Jan. 22 - Full Day of Staff Professional Development
- Projected return to in-person learning - Thursday, Feb. 18

Meetings & Community Engagements for the Week of January 11 to January 15

- Individual Check-in with the Business Administrator, the Director of Human Resources, the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Director of Technology, Director of Safety, Director of Bilingual/ESL, Director of Special Education, and the Director of Research, Evaluation and Testing.
- Cumberland County Superintendents Storming of the Capitol Debrief
- Meeting with Cabinet leaders to debrief Central Office Town Hall
- Conversations with Association leadership are ongoing
- Conversations with the Board President, VP, and other Board members are ongoing

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Kudos to Staff Member, Administrators and Board Members!

Dr. de Haan to Present at County Meeting



Dr. Darlyne de Haan, Director of Curriculum, Math and Science, has been invited by the Cumberland County Department of Education to present on the topic of Brain-Based Instruction at the Cumberland County Curriculum Consortium Meeting. The meeting is scheduled to be held in February.

Broad St. Art Teacher Named to Arts Cohort



Dr. Anne Marie Pai was one of 28 artists & educators selected to join this year's Arts Professional Learning Institute, sponsored by the NJ State Council on the Arts and Young Audiences Arts for Learning NJ & Eastern PA. Cohort members will participate in all virtual sessions and will design and deliver three-day in-school residencies with a team member.

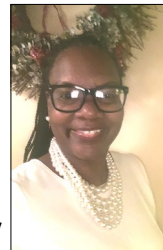
Dr. Ajayi Selected to Leadership Group

Dr. Eniola Ajayi, Director of Special Education, was selected from over 100 stakeholders to join the Inclusion Leadership Development Group. The New Jersey Inclusive Education Technical Assistance project sought both broad and diverse representation that will reflect the demographic student population across the state.

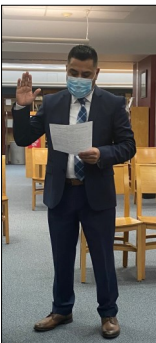


Dr. Merriweather to Serve on DOE Committee

Dr. Celeste Merriweather, Assistant Superintendent, has been invited to serve on the NJ DOE ESSA State Plan Subcommittee. The purpose of the subcommittee is to ensure that NJ's approved ESSA State plan has met, continues to meet, or identify ways to meet the regulatory and statutory requirement of the ESSA.



Welcome A-Board!



Mr. Ricardo Perez was sworn in at the Board of Education's annual Reorganization Meeting on Tuesday, January 5th. Mr. Perez will complete the term left vacant by former Board member Marian King. Mr. Perez previously served on the Board from 2013-2016.

#35 Officially Retired



The #35 team jersey worn by Board Member Angelia "Angie" Edwards was officially retired in a small ceremony held last month. Ms. Edwards, a 1981 BHS alumna, was a standout on the Girls Varsity Basketball Team, tossing well over 1000 points during her BHS career. Former BHS basketball star Larry Jones also had his team jersey retired.

Meetings & Community Engagements: Jan. 11-15

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- Weekly Leadership Team Meeting
- Weekly All Principals Check-in
- District Attendance Advisory Committee Pre-Planning Meeting
- QML Assistant Principal Interview
- GOFEC Little Bulldogs Ceremony
- Dual Language PD with West Avenue Staff
- Meeting with Institute for Student Achievement
- Academic Excellence Awards Pre-Planning Meeting
- 2021-2022 Budget Pre-Planning Meeting

Fan Gear on Sale

In case you need to update your Bulldog Gear, the Bridgeton High School Boys and Girls Basketball Teams and Cheerleaders are running a fundraiser for the next two weeks.

<https://fancloth.shop/BBATE>