



Superintendent's Winter Edition Bulldog Briefing

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Happy Monday Bulldog Team!



I hope this briefing finds you all safe and healthy on this first day of February! This week, Cumberland County has been downgraded from "severe outbreak" status to "active outbreak" status. The largest school district in the region, the School District of Philadelphia, announced it will open for in-person (hybrid) instruction for the first time this academic year on Monday, February 22.

As of our last discussion, Millville and Vineland are planning to return to in-person instruction on Tuesday, February 16th. Our plan is to make a decision on or before Thursday, February 4th regarding our projected return of general education students 1 day a week, and certain SPED and preK students 2 days a week, on **February 18th** as previously communicated.

We will keep you posted should that date change after engaging our pandemic response liaisons from each school, our restart team, our Board members and our school community.

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COVID RISK LEVEL

Active outbreak

New Jersey is either actively experiencing an outbreak or is at extreme risk. COVID cases are exponentially growing and/or New Jersey's COVID preparedness is significantly below international standards.



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Add your phone to [New Jersey's exposure notification system](#) to receive alerts if you were in close contact with someone who later tests positive for COVID. Your privacy is protected as your identity is not known and your location is not tracked.

DAILY NEW CASES

● **56.3** PER 100K

Dangerous number of new cases

INFECTION RATE

● **0.95**

COVID is still spreading, but slowly

POSITIVE TEST RATE

● **9.6%**

Indicates adequate testing

ICU CAPACITY USED

● **52%**

Can likely handle a new wave of COVID

VACCINATED

● **7.3%** 1ST SHOT

[New Indicator](#)

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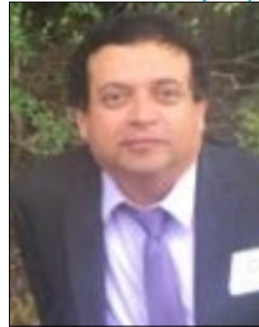


COVID CASES IN OUR SCHOOLS -

Confirmed COVID-19 cases in the district since October 13, 2020 to February 2021: 73

- 4 Positive Staff Cases at the Thomas C. Lane Administration Building
- 11 Positive Staff Cases at Broad Street
- 8 Positive Staff Cases at Buckshutem Road
- 2 Positive Staff Case at Cherry Street
- 3 Positive Staff Case at the Annex
- 1 Positive Staff Case at the ExCEL
- 4 Positive Staff Case at GOFEC
- 9 Positive Staff Cases at Indian Avenue
- 11 Positive Staff Cases at Quarter Mile Lane
- 6 Positive Staff Cases at West Avenue
- 14 Positive Cases at BHS

*Girls Basketball and Cheerleader teams are quarantined until Feb. 6. Boys Basketball Team quarantine ended Jan. 29. Today's away game was postponed until tomorrow (Feb. 2) because of the weather.



Mr. Elmer Arreaga, Director of Bilingual/ESL/World Languages and Dr. Darlyne de Haan, Director of Math and Sciences, will be presenting at the 2021 NJ Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages virtual conference March 25-27.

Upcoming Dates/Events

- Restart Committee meeting with Pandemic Response Liaisons - Tuesday, February 2nd
- February Board Meeting - Tuesday, February 9th
- Projected return to in-person learning - Thursday, February 18th



TSGT. George Linen of Bridgeton High School was named one of CORE 100's Most Influential Blacks.

Meetings & Community Engagements for the Week of January 25 - 29

- Individual Check-in with the Business Administrator, the Director of Food Service, the Director of Human Resources, the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, the Director of Technology, the Director of Math and Science, the Director of Safety, the Director of Special Education, the Director of Research, Evaluation and Testing, and the Director of Grants and Funded Programs.
- QML Family Information Night
- Weekly Central Leadership Team Meeting
- Meetings with cabinet leaders are ongoing
- Conversations with Association leadership are ongoing
- Conversations with the Board President, VP, and other Board members are ongoing
- Conversations with the Board Attorney are ongoing
- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Conversation with the Institute for Student Achievement
- Meet and Greet with Salmon Ventures
- Weekly Check-in with Principals
- Discussions with Millville, Fairfield, Cumberland County Tech, and Vineland Superintendents are ongoing.

Cameras On Campaign Update

As of now, we do not have the ability to force a virtual background on Teams or WebEx. We do have [videos](#) on how students, teachers, and parents can add a virtual background. Teachers are encouraged to demonstrate how to change the background and incentivize students showing their faces when requested to do so at key points throughout the lesson.