



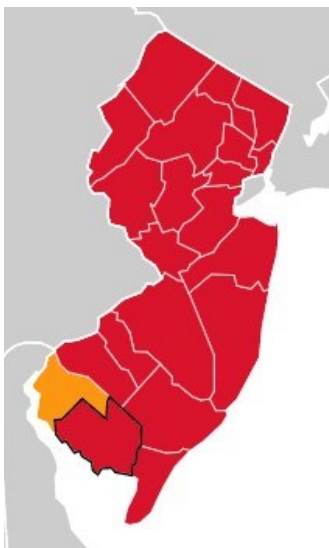
Superintendent's Winter Edition Bulldog Briefing

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Happy Monday Bulldog Team!

I hope each of you had a relaxing and safe Super Bowl weekend. I appreciate all the [feedback we received last week](#) regarding our return to in-person learning date. Staff, parent, and restart committee feedback were critical in making an informed decision to have students remain 100% remote through March 12th. While our school community is split in terms of how we should proceed, our decision prioritized safety.

One of the messages we heard loud and clear last week from several pandemic response liaisons was around the number of students per classroom being particularly low back in October, and the need for at least 6-9 students per classroom, once we return, in order to make the experience worth while.



Cumberland County, NJ



COVID RISK LEVEL

Active outbreak

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



ALERT

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.

CAMERAS ON CAMPAIGN

I visited several staff meetings and trainings last week and noticed about half of our staff members' cameras were turned off during the meeting/session.

I have asked leaders to request that staff make every effort to show their faces during staff meetings, trainings, PLCs, and other district meetings.

We appreciate staff who are incentivizing and encouraging students when appropriate, to turn on their cameras.

DAILY NEW CASES

43.4 PER 100K

Dangerous number of new cases

INFECTION RATE

0.80

Active cases are decreasing

POSITIVE TEST RATE

9.1%

Indicates adequate testing

ICU CAPACITY USED

68%

Can likely handle a new wave of COVID

VACCINATED

7.5% 1ST SHOT

New Indicator

Ready, Set, Read!



COVID CASES IN OUR SCHOOLS

As of today, our COVID-19 total cases since 10/13 are currently at: **74**

- 4 Positive Staff Cases at the TCL Building
- 11 Positive Staff Cases at QML
- 1 Positive Staff Case at ExCEL
- 14 Positive Cases at BHS
- 4 Positive Staff Case at the Annex
- 11 Positive Staff Cases at Broad
- 8 Positive Staff Cases at Buckshutem
- 6 Positive Staff Cases at West
- 2 Positive Staff Case at Cherry
- 4 Positive Staff Case at Dr. GOFEC
- 9 Positive Staff Cases at Indian

STAFF ACCOMMODATIONS UPDATE

All staff should expect to return to in-person reporting on March 11th in preparation for students returning at 50% (double the students reporting in mid-October) on **Monday, March 15th**. If you had 3 students reporting in October; it is likely you will have approximately 6 reporting. Staff should expect half the class minus any students and families opting to remain remote. All district-approved childcare, medical, and/or personal accommodations will expire on March 10th; if you have additional questions regarding the expiration of accommodations, please reach out to Human Resources.

FACILITIES UPDATE

In classrooms across the district, staff will find a new addition to help in cleaning the air. We have purchased the AtmosAir Everest Air Purifiers and have installed them in all classrooms. These units are a 3 stage charcoal and HEPA filter that remove dust and bacteria that can carry virus' in the air. This unit also employs a new technology called Needlepoint Bi-Polar purification which kills virus' and bacteria that pass through the unit. This is enhanced with Ultraviolet light within the unit.

Meetings and Community Engagements for the Week of February 1 - 5

- Individual Check-in with the Business Administrator, the Director of Human Resources, the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, the Director Safety and Security, the Director of Special Education, the Director of Research, Evaluation and Testing.
- Bridge Year Pilot Conversation with Superintendents from Vineland, Millville, and CC-TEC
- Weekly Central Leadership Team Meeting
- Meeting with Cabinet Leaders to Review Board Agenda
- School Administrator Academy Session - Staff Care, Mental Health, and Resiliency
- Cumberland County Superintendents Roundtable
- Attendance Advisory Committee Meeting
- Pre-School Devices Meeting
- Meeting with Restorative Practices Consultants
- Superintendent's Goals Progress Meeting
- Recorded Black History Month Read Aloud for multiple schools
- Mid Year Budget Review with County Executive Superintendent and her team
- Conversations with Association leadership are ongoing
- Conversations with the Board President, VP, and other Board members are ongoing
- Board Curriculum Committee Meeting
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Conversation with the Institute for Student Achievement
- Restart Committee Meeting with Pandemic Response Liaisons from each school site
- Weekly Check-in with Principals
- Discussions with Millville, Fairfield, Cumberland County TEC, and Vineland Superintendents are ongoing

Upcoming Dates/Events

- February Board Meeting - **Tuesday, February 9th**
- Projected return to in-person learning for staff - **Thursday, March 11th**
- Projected return to in-person learning for students - **Monday, March 15th**
- Good Friday and Spring Break - **Friday, April 2nd**