

## Superintendent's Spring Edition

# Bulldog Briefing

Dr. Keith Miles, Jr. • Superintendent of Schools

## Happy Monday Bulldog Team!

While spring is upon us, and mask mandates are being adjusted across the nation, gun violence is reaching historic highs. As I am sure you all are aware, several tragedies hit close to home this weekend. On Friday, [two of our families lost their homes in a duplex fire](#). We also learned that one of the two confirmed deaths in the [Fairfield Township house party shooting](#) is the stepfather of 2 current students. When we face tragedies here in Bridgeton, it is customary for our district to come together to support our Bulldog students and families in their time of need, as we are #StrongerTogether.

### Instructions for Making a Donation

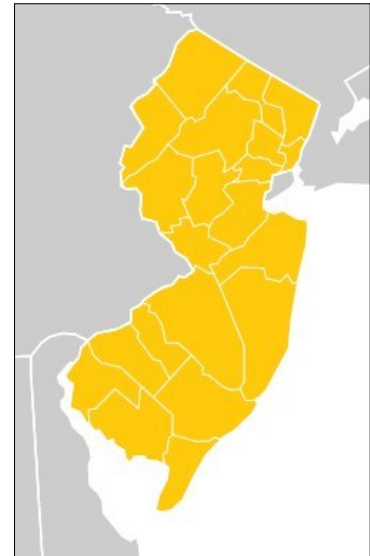
If you would like to give a monetary donation, please see the School Safety Officer in your building. We will report out how much we collected and what we were able to do as a result of your giving.

### Summer Enrichment Update

Currently, we have approximately 480 students signed up; please continue to encourage families to participate.

### COVID-19 Update

Cumberland County and the entire state of New Jersey's risk level have been downgraded to yellow (medium).



CASES PER 100K POPULATION IN CUMBERLAND CO. NJ AND ATLANTIC CO. NJ



## District Educators Participate in Educational Panel



Dr. Keith Miles, Jr. was among six panelists participating in a forum, "Educational Issues Within Our Community," hosted by the local chapter of the National Congress of Black Women. Among the participants were district educators Ms. Chantel Frazier, Mr. Carlos Lebron and Dr. Tiffany Thrbak. Serving as event organizer was district educator Ms. Jackie Gentry.

### Upcoming Dates/Events

- ◆ Senior Prom - May 27
- ◆ Merit Awards - June 3
- ◆ June Board Meeting - June 8
- ◆ Academic Excellence Awards - June 9-10
- ◆ School Reconfiguration Discussion and Town Hall for Staff - June 9
- ◆ School Reconfiguration Discussion and Town Hall for Parents - June 14-15
- ◆ Bridgeton High School Graduation - June 21
- ◆ Last day of School for Students - June 22
- ◆ Last day of School for Teachers - June 23



### Meetings and Community Engagements For the Week of May 17 through May 21

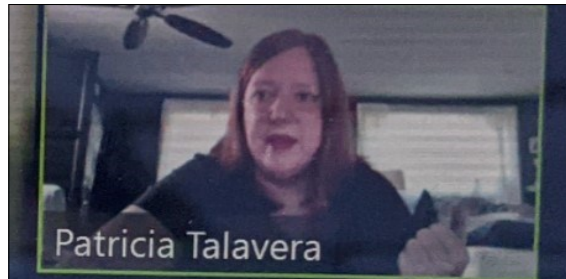
- Individual Check-ins with the Business Administrator, the Director of Human Resources, the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, the Director of Special Education, the Director of Evaluation, Research and Testing.
- Weekly Leadership Team Meeting
- Check in with Millville, Vineland and Cumberland County Tech Superintendents regarding end of year activities
- Restart Committee Meeting with Pandemic Liaisons from all schools
- Bridgeton Area Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting
- Black Superintendents Alliance Monthly Meeting
- May Administrative Council Monthly Meeting
- 2021-2022 Planning Meeting
- Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Meeting with DEI teams from all schools
- Conversations and negotiations meetings with Association leadership, Business Administrator, Director of HR, Board, and attorneys are ongoing
- Conversations with the Board President, VP, and other Board members are ongoing



Ms. Barbara Wilchensky recently served as an Honored Educator for the Instructional Delivery, Staffing / Professional Development and SEL sessions held by the NJDOE/REL as a part of the series, **“A Deep Dive on Supporting Student Engagement: Lessons Beyond the Pandemic”**. As an Honored Educator, she facilitated conversations between statewide educators within breakout rooms during three separate sessions.



Congratulations to Dr. Eniola Ajayi for being nominated as Special Education Administrator of the Year, an award co-sponsored by the NJ Association of School Administrators, the NJ Association of Pupil Services Administrators and Frontline Education.



Kudos to Ms. Patricia Talavera for serving as a guest presenter to parents on May 18 at SPAN's Family Literacy Night.

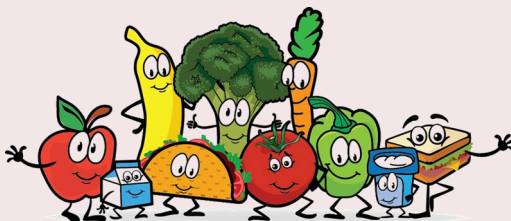
## Meals for the Week of May 15th

Reported by Mr. DeShields

Number of students Served: 2,018

Total number of meals served:  
(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

66,579



## COVID CASES IN OUR SCHOOLS

As of today, our COVID-19 total cases since 10/13 are currently at: **98**

- 6 Positive Staff Cases at the TCL Bldg.
- 13 Positive Staff Cases at QML
- 1 Positive Staff Case at ExCEL
- 18 Positive Cases at BHS
- 5 Positive Staff Case at the Annex
- 12 Positive Staff Cases at Broad
- 11 Positive Staff Cases at Buckshutem
- 9 Positive Staff Cases at West
- 4 Positive Staff Case at Cherry
- 7 Positive Staff Case at Dr. GOFEC
- 12 Positive Staff Cases at Indian