



Superintendent's School Opening Bulldog Briefing

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The amount of engagement during week two exceeded engagement during week one, thanks to the hard work of staff making individual phone calls, doing home visits, offering tech support, conducting parent workshops, sending mailings, and supporting our families. We are seeing high levels of attendance as well as high levels of student engagement. I want to thank each and every staff member who worked with us and got our school year off to a great start!

Meals for the Week of September 14th

Reported By
Mr. DeShields

Students Served:
4,931

Meals Served:
36,660



Week 2 Attendance 9/14 to 9/18						
	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Average
District-Wide	95%	95%	95%	96%	96%	95%
Broad Street School	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%
Buckshutem Rd School	88%	91%	89%	93%	91%	90%
Cherry Street School	90%	94%	94%	90%	95%	93%
Indian Avenue School	98%	98%	99%	98%	98%	98%
Quarter Mile Ln School	98%	98%	98%	98%	97%	98%
West Avenue School	93%	93%	93%	93%	90%	92%
ExCEL Program	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Bridgeton High School	94%	94%	94%	95%	95%	94%
Dr. Geraldyn O. Foster ECC	92%	92%	92%	92%	96%	93%

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Due to the structure and support put in place during our in-service week, and the direction provided from our principals and curriculum office, our year has started strong. I have received countless accolades from parents and Board members regarding the instructional support provided to students by staff so far this year.

Approximately 160 staff members began working from home starting today **Monday, September 21st**. Now that we have started the year successfully, beginning **Thursday, September 24th**, the remaining instructional staff members (teachers and instructional assistants) not seeking an accommodation will have the option of reporting to the physical building or providing live instruction from home. Like our neighbors (Millville and Vineland), buildings will remain open and instructional staff will have the option of working from home or from their classrooms until students return on **Oct. 13th**.

Instructional staff members (teachers and instructional assistants) will be required to notify Principals of their weekly schedule for in-person or remote day(s) through Friday, October 9th. In addition, staff members are required to complete the COVID-19 questionnaire daily. Finally, and as previously communicated, this arrangement will be allowed as long as students and parents get what they need, and instructional staff can work successfully from home. School leaders reserve the right to request that instructional staff return to the building at any time, should support to students and families become a concern.

Over the course of the last few weeks, I have witnessed

staff members doing an amazing job making the shift to delivering lessons remotely. This is hard work, even for the most seasoned educators, and we want to create an environment where non-evaluative feedback is welcomed and encouraged. We believe the best way to successfully make the needed shifts as a District will be to increase the frequency with which leaders are informally observing instruction and providing feedback.

In the spirit of growth and to provide teachers maximum support, we will work with BEA and ABA leadership in the coming weeks to discuss evaluation and observation procedures that best support student success. Please look out for an update as it relates to informal observation feedback in a future briefing. In the meantime, I urge each of you to seek out and receive informal non-evaluative feedback from your school leaders openly and in the spirit of continuous growth.



Teams across our district have been organizing additional instructional support packets for students. Kudos to the 3rd grade team at QML for organizing a pick up this past Friday, September 18th!

Meetings/Engagements September 14 - 18

- ♦ Individual meetings with the Director of Human Resources, the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Director of ESL/Bilingual, Director of Special Education, Director of Research, Evaluation and Testing, and the Business Administrator.
- ♦ Administrative Council
- ♦ Conversations with Association Leadership are ongoing
- ♦ Conversations and meetings with the Board President, VP and other Board members are ongoing
- ♦ Held Ventilation and Sanitation Town Hall with district staff,
- Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, and the Business Administrator.
- ♦ Weekly Leadership team meeting
- ♦ Weekly site visits to the following sites: Broad Street School, Buckshutem Road School, Cherry Street School, Indian Avenue School, Quarter Mile Lane School, West Avenue School, Bridgeton High School, ExCEL, and the Dr. Geraldyn O. Foster Early Childhood Center.
- ♦ Individual meetings with each principal

Upcoming Dates/Events

- ♦ District Restart Committee Meeting with Pandemic Response Liaisons from each school on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 10 am.
- ♦ Third District-wide Deep Cleaning Day – Wednesday, September 23rd; all school-based and central office employees work remotely.
- ♦ Instructional Staff option to teach from classrooms or from home begins September 23, with approval from school leaders.