



Bridgeton Public Schools

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Bulldog Briefing

Dr. Keith Miles, Jr. • Superintendent of Schools

Happy Monday Bulldog Team!



I cannot stress enough how important the work is we are engaged in across Bridgeton Public Schools. Having one of the largest proportions of economically disadvantaged students and students new to the US across the state, I would say our work is even more vital. Therefore, while attending to our students' social emotional wellbeing, we must also maintain a critical focus on student achievement, rigor, and college/career readiness.

Despite our efforts to minimize our students' learning loss during the pandemic, per the data on page 2, we saw a dip in performance across the board; meanwhile Bridgeton Public Charter has demonstrated some impressive academic gains. With a strong plan, a sense of urgency, adequate staffing, a growth mindset, and targeted supports for underperforming groups, we too can achieve the same impressive growth

(24.6 percentage point increase in the percentage of 3rd grade students proficient in ELA). A [recent article ranking districts across the state](#) based on 3rd, 5th, and 8th grade performance on the Spring 2022 NJSLA, ranks Bridgeton 431st of 436 districts in Literacy and 421st of 425 districts in Math. To provide additional context, I researched a few similar districts across the State and also included their statewide rankings below.

District	ELA	Math
Bridgeton	431st	421st
Camden	434th	424th
Trenton	435th	422nd
Asbury Park	436th	425th
No. of Districts	436	425

COVID cases have doubled this week compared to last with over 20 student cases and over 20 staff cases last week across the district. Students and staff members are quarantining at home for 5 days and returning on the 6th day with a mask until day 10. Please continue to monitor symptoms, test regularly at home, and follow up with a PCR test if a home test comes back positive.

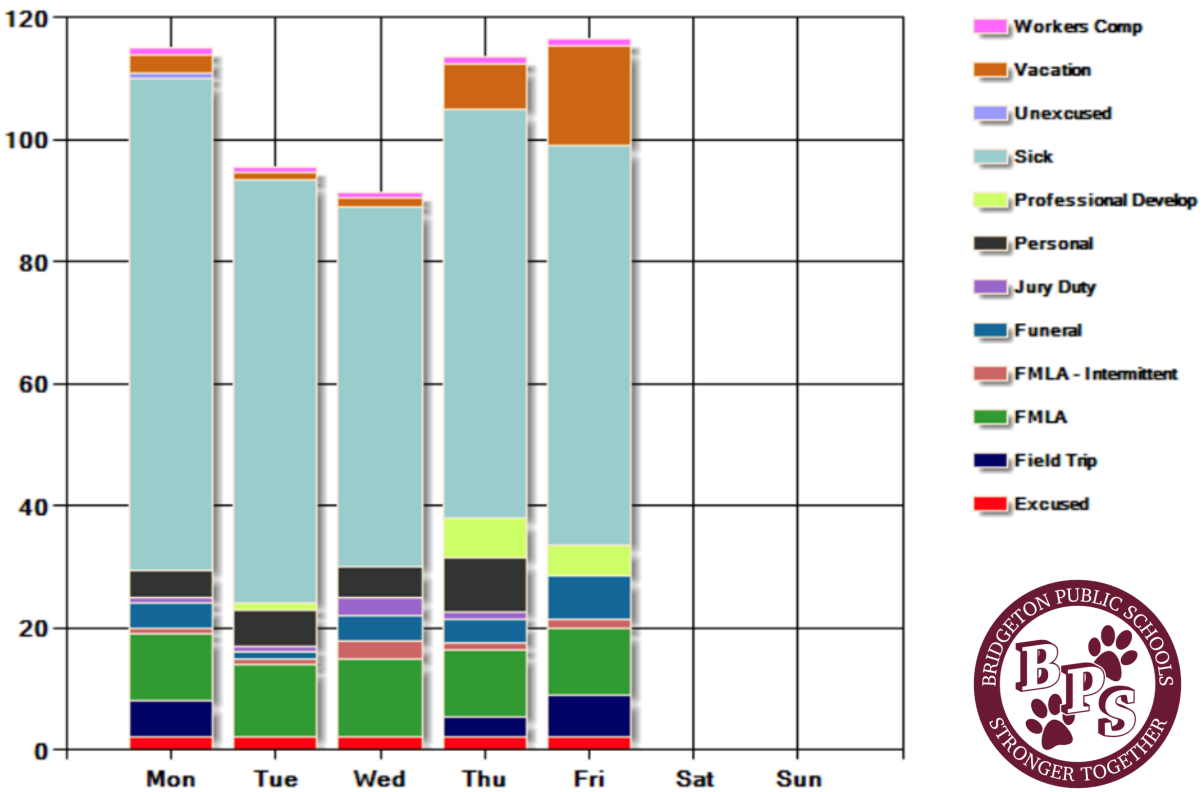
Safe Schools Update

Thank you to all those who have completed all required SafeSchools trainings. For the few staff members who have not fully addressed their SafeSchools responsibilities, the next and final deadline is January 30, 2023. To access the system, please use this link: <https://bridgeton-nj.safeschools.com/login>



County	District	Subject	Grade	2019 proficiency	2022 proficiency	Change
Cumberland	Bridgeton City School District	ELA	3	15.1%	7.5%	-7.6
Cumberland	Bridgeton City School District	ELA	4	15.4%	10.8%	-4.6
Cumberland	Bridgeton City School District	ELA	5	16.4%	11.5%	-4.9
Cumberland	Bridgeton City School District	ELA	6	14.6%	11.3%	-3.3
Cumberland	Bridgeton City School District	ELA	7	22.2%	15.1%	-7.1
Cumberland	Bridgeton City School District	ELA	8	21.6%	15.8%	-5.8
Cumberland	Bridgeton City School District	ELA	9	11.7%	7.8%	-3.9
Cumberland	Bridgeton City School District	Math	3	20.9%	12.8%	-8.1
Cumberland	Bridgeton City School District	Math	4	13.0%	5.9%	-7.1
Cumberland	Bridgeton City School District	Math	5	9.4%	3.1%	-6.3
Cumberland	Bridgeton City School District	Math	6	8.4%	2.8%	-5.6
Cumberland	Bridgeton City School District	Math	7	12.8%	5.5%	-7.3
Cumberland	Bridgeton City School District	Math	8	16.4%	2.5%	-13.9
Charters	Bridgeton Public Charter School	ELA	3	23.8%	48.4%	24.6
Charters	Bridgeton Public Charter School	ELA	4	35.3%	33.3%	-2.0
Charters	Bridgeton Public Charter School	Math	3	14.3%	28.1%	13.8
Charters	Bridgeton Public Charter School	Math	4	17.6%	13.3%	-4.3

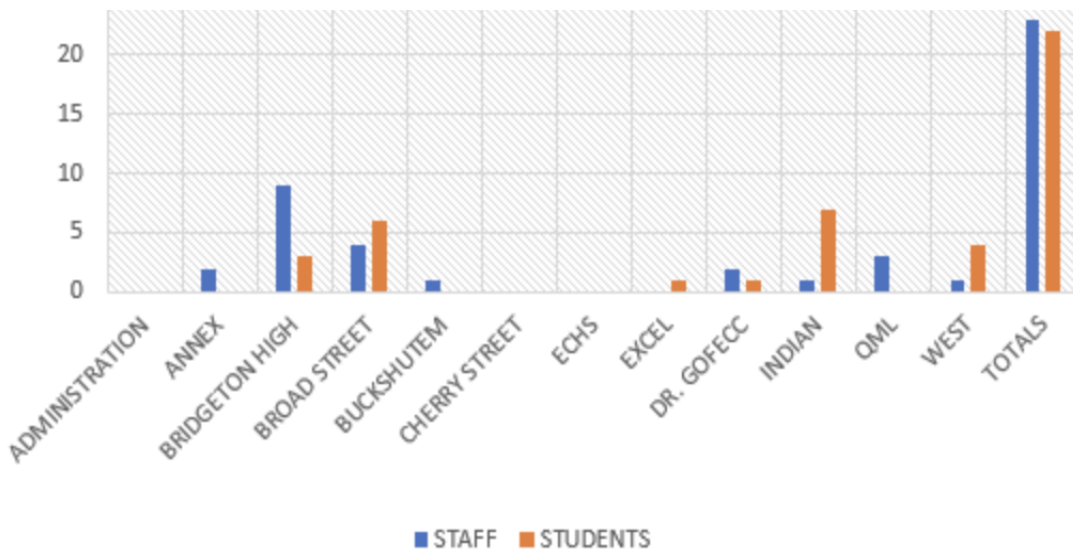
Jan. 16 – Jan. 20 Staff Attendance



Jan. 16 – Jan. 20 Fill Rate – 60%

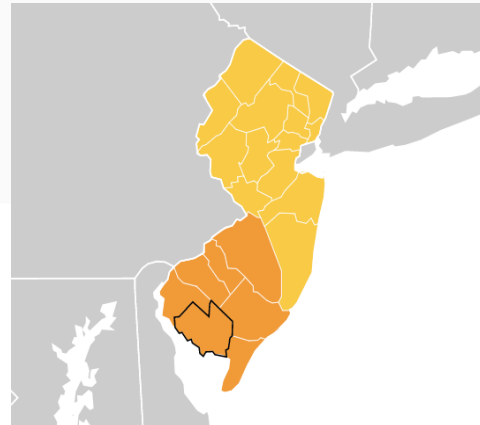
District COVID-19 Weekly Positive Results

Week of January 16 - January 20, 2023

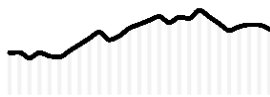


Cumberland County, NJ

Updated on January 22



Cases >



● **226.7**

Weekly new reported cases per 100k

Admissions >



● **22.7**

Weekly COVID admissions per 100k

Patients >



● **8.8%**

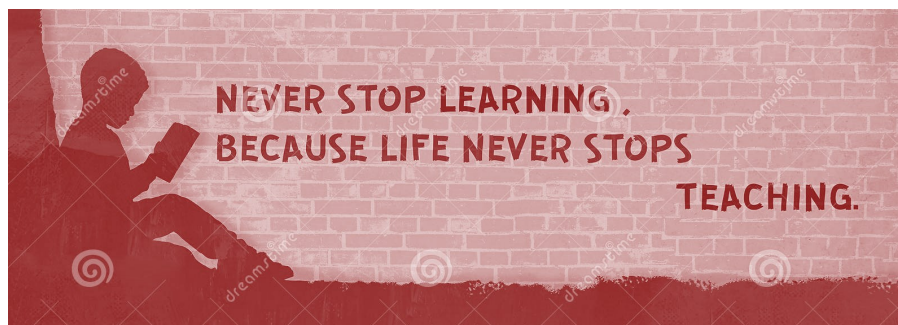
Patients with COVID of all beds

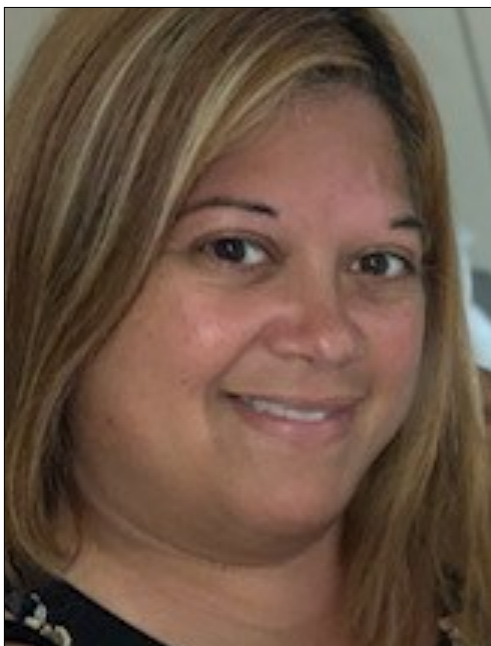
Upcoming Dates/Events

- ♦ Jan. 25 – Leadership Meeting, 8:30 am
- ♦ Jan. 25 – Board Policy Committee Meeting, 1:15 pm
- ♦ Jan. 26 – All Principals Check-in Meeting, 2:30 pm
- ♦ Jan. 27 – Professional Development Day, Closed for Students

Meetings/Community Engagement January 16 - 20

- ♦ Meetings held with the Executive Director of Human Resources, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction, School Business Administrator, and the Assistant Superintendent of Special Education & Student Services
- ♦ Closed January 16, 2023 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- ♦ Cabinet Meeting
- ♦ NJ Alliance of Black Superintendents Meeting
- ♦ Administrative Council Meeting @ Cherry Street School





Liz Medina: Literacy Leader!

Liz Medina is a Literacy Leader and an advocate for English Learners! Liz is a Grade 1 bilingual teacher at Broad Street School, and has taught in Bridgeton for 16 years.

Ms. Medina says that her favorite part of teaching is seeing her students' excitement and pride when they make progress. As noted by Mr. Arreaga, Ms. Medina sets high expectations for her students and uses a wide range of strategies for engagement. These are two reasons for the progress her students make!

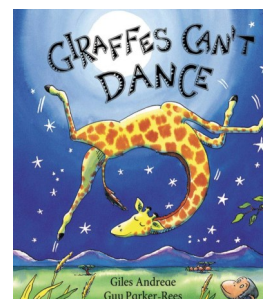
Ms. Medina loves to read *Giraffes Can't Dance* with her students because it teaches students about acceptance and embracing everyone's differences. She loves to incorporate games such as bingo or Kahoot to practice foun-

dational skills such as letter sounds, syllables, and high-frequency words. Singing songs and connecting them to writing is also one of her favorite classroom activities.

Ms. Medina says that she had loving and kind teachers in her childhood that made her school experience enjoyable. She strives to give her students that same experience.

Ms. Medina wants to remind all teachers to be open to learning from others, regardless of how long they've been a teacher. She also says to make learning fun for the students and always keep a sense of humor!

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Congratulations 2022-2023 Governor's Teachers of the Year

Kevin
Nash

Bridgeton High School
Teacher of the Handicapped

Dr. Anne
Marie
K. Pai

Broad Street School
Technology Teacher

Maribeth
Propert

Buckshutem Road School
Grade 5 Teacher

Jill
Hutnick

Cherry Street School
Health & P.E. Teacher

Kelly
Holst

Dr. Geraldyn O. Foster E.C.C.
Preschool Teacher

Kimberly
Pantaleon

ExCEL
Math Teacher

Erin
Andrews

Indian Avenue School
Math Teacher

Sara
Cartagena

Quarter Mile Lane School
Bilingual Teacher

Sarah
Rainier

West Avenue School
Grade 5 Teacher

*These staff members will be honored at the
February 7th Board of Education meeting.*

Congratulations 2022-2023 **Educational Services Professionals of the Year**



**Leigha
Saulin**

Bridgeton High School
School Counselor



**Maci
Rios**

Buckshutem Road School
Social Emotional Learning
Behavior Specialist



**Maite
Reyes**

Broad Street School
School Counselor



**Normarie
Castro**

Cherry Street School
Bilingual Instructional Aide




**Cicelia
Colon**

Indian Avenue School
Instructional Aide




**Ramon
Gonzalez**

Dr. Geraldyn O. Foster E.C.C.
Technology Coordinator



**Cheryl
Richmond**

Quarter Mile Lane School
Speech Language Specialist



**Jaclyn
Hall**

West Avenue School
Technology Coordinator

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