

## **Bridgeton Public Schools**

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**Dear Parents and Bridgeton Community:** 

This letter is to inform you of upcoming changes to our 2021-2022 school year calendar. We have added 6 additional one session days to our school year. Those days are:

January 5, 2022

April 6, 2022

February 2, 2022

May 4, 2022

March 2, 2022

June 1, 2022

## Reason for the Change

We have designated the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month a Wellness Wednesday. School staff will use this time for wellness activities, grading, meetings, cleaning, planning, and other needed activities to ensure our buildings can remain open and we can provide a safe, warm, and productive environment for our students.

We are experiencing a major staffing shortage across the region which requires staff reporting to work non-stop without adequate planning, meeting, and grading time. If you know anyone looking to join our amazing Bridgeton Public Schools team, please refer them to the Employment Opportunities section of our Bridgeton Public Schools website.

We will also be holding a virtual Parent & Community Town Hall on Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 6pm where information will be provided in English and Spanish explaining the change in schedule and all the work we are doing around staff and student wellness. There will be a question and answer opportunity for parents where you can provide feedback directly to the Superintendent and district leadership team.

You will find the link to access the virtual town hall in the "News and Announcements" section of our website. Preregistration is not required.

The staff at Bridgeton Public Schools and I are working hard to navigate all the challenges presented by COVID-19. We appreciate your support and look forward to a continued partnership!

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