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Superintendent Update

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Friday, November 19, 2021

Hello Bedford School Community,

Today, in a rare occurrence I am sending TWO letters. My usual Friday letter (this one) and a second to let you know that during the week of January 3, 2022, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Office of Public School Monitoring (PSM) will conduct a Tiered Focused Monitoring Review of Bedford Public Schools. The Office of Public School Monitoring visits each district and charter school every three years to monitor compliance with federal and state special education and civil rights regulations. This second letter is required by DESE.

METCO Family Meeting

Thank you to all of the METCO families who came to METCO HQ to meet with Ms. Benoit, Mr. Ackerman, Mr. Hartunian, Mr. Hudder and me on Wednesday night. It was wonderful to see everyone in person and to catch up on important topics. Thank you to Mr. Mondesir for hosting the meeting.

Bedford Health Dept. COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic for students age 5 to 11

The Bedford Health Department will offer a FREE COVID-19 vaccination clinic for Bedford residents ages 5 – 11 years old on Saturday, November 20, 2021. The 300 doses have been reserved but The Health Department is accepting registrations in case of cancellations and to prepare for future clinics. You can register at [BHD 5-11 COVID Vaccination Clinic Sign Up](#)

For more information about the clinic or the COVID-19 Vaccine, please contact the Bedford Health Department at 781-275-6507 or visit the [Health Department website](#).

The Drowsy Chaperone

The Bedford High School Performing Arts Department will present THE DROWSY CHAPERONE, the Tony-winning send-up of 1920s Broadway musicals, at 7:00 pm on November 18, 19, and 20 and 3:00 pm on November 21. Audience members are invited to attend in person in the BHS Auditorium or watch via Livestream through ticket vendor ShowTix4U. The show is rated PG-13 and runs 90 minutes in one act. Tickets are available at <https://bhschorusandtheater.weebly.com/tickets.html>

COVID Case Updates

Please check the link below to review current and past cases of COVID-19 cases within our school community.

[Link to COVID-19 Cases in the Bedford Public Schools This Week](#)

COVID-19 Testing Programs

We continued with COVID safety checks this week for grades Pre-K to 12. This week we completed 335 tests at Davis, 380 tests at Lane, 202 tests at JGMS, and 122 tests at BHS. The results of the tests at Davis, Lane, and JGMS were negative. This week there was one positive pool at BHS, and that individual who was part of the positive pool has been notified and contact tracing completed.

Please note, we will not be testing during the short week of Thanksgiving (November 22nd, 23rd, 24th). We can only run the pooled testing program when the school is able to complete the entire process from the initial period pooled test through completion of all needed follow-up tests/tracing. We will be testing next week and will test all schools the week following Thanksgiving break. We continue to encourage everyone to sign up for the COVID-19 safety tests as a means of keeping the community safe.

[BPS COVID-19 Testing Sign Up Link](#)

Positions available

The Bedford Public Schools are seeking substitute teachers and Special Education Teaching Assistants. If you are interested please apply at [BPS Substitutes](#) or to [BPS Special Education Teaching Assistants](#).

As always, thank you for your patience, your participation, and your continued commitment to our schools,

Sincerely,

Philip Conrad
Superintendent