



**Town of Bedford**

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## Superintendent Update

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**Friday, December 16, 2022**

Hello Bedford School Community,

### Hanukkah

I'd like to wish all of the school community members who are celebrating a Happy Hanukkah. The festival of Lights will begin on Sunday, December 18, 2022, and will conclude on Monday, December 26, 2020. For more information about Hanukkah navigate to <https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/hanukkah>

### Performing Arts News

Our final concert of this winter concert season is next Wednesday, December 21, 2022. It is the Lane School Concert and it begins at 7:00 PM at Bedford High School.

### Athletic Honors

Congratulations to three of our Bedford High School athletes who are being honored as part of the Boston Herald and Boston Globe All-Scholastic Fall 2022 Athletic recognitions. Congratulations to Sydney Cox (Soccer) who was selected as a Boston Herald All-Scholastic athlete, Eric Miles (Football) who was selected as a Boston Herald and Boston Globe All-Scholastic, and Gabriela Zovko (Volleyball) who selected as a Boston Herald and Boston Globe All-Scholastic.

In addition, congratulations as well to the following student-athletes who have already signed their [National Letter of Intent](#) and will be continuing their athletic careers at the collegiate level.

Sydney Cox will play soccer at Fairfield University, Gabriela Zovko will play volleyball at Sacred Heart University, Kaylee Grace will play softball at St. Bonaventure, Richie Fedele will play lacrosse at Western New England University, and Gianna Missiti will play soccer at Norwich University.

#### Annual Bedford Fire Department Toy Collection

The Bedford Fire Department will be holding its annual Toy Collection TOMORROW Saturday, December 17, 2022, from 10:00 am- 2:00 pm. The collection point will be in the back parking lot of Bedford High School at 9 Mudge Way. Unwrapped toys for children of all ages are accepted. The toys will be given to needy families through Toys for Local Children. The Fire Department will also be collecting non-perishable food items to be donated to the Middlesex Community College Food Bank. Thank you for supporting this wonderful Bedford tradition of giving.

#### District Calendar: 2023-2024

The 2023-2024 District Calendar was approved by the School Committee at the December 13, 2022 meeting. You may view the calendar on our website [here](#).

#### FY24 Budget Information

Tuesday, December 13, 2022, was the final school committee meeting of the calendar year. The focus of the meeting was the presentation of the superintendent's FY24 budget. If you were unable to join us all of the information is on our website [here](#). A recording of the meeting can be found on the Bedford TV YouTube channel [here](#).

#### Bedford High School Students Participate in HSSIEP

BHS in collaboration with MASSHIRE and DESE's High School Student Internship Education Project (HSSIEP) program have 17 seniors enrolled in HSSIEP. The program is a grant-funded program designed to help grow the educator pipeline by engaging aspiring educators with paid internships. These internships provide opportunities for seniors to explore the teaching profession in an authentic and meaningful way. Each of our seniors has been placed in a K-8 classroom at either the Davis Elementary School, Lane Elementary School, or the John Glenn Middle School. Each senior has been placed with a teacher, who volunteered to take on an HSSIEP participant. Our seniors have been working in the classroom since September acting as an assistant to the teacher. All seniors in HSSIEP are paid \$15.00 an hour beginning in January. Each senior will complete a Work-Based Learning Plan as part of the program. The Work-Based Learning Plan includes assessments that target specific work-based skills that are reviewed throughout the year. This is the second year that Bedford High School has participated in the HSSIEP.

#### Respiratory Illness Prevention

Please take a moment to review the message on [Respiratory Illness Prevention](#) from the Bedford Department of Health and Human Services regarding respiratory illness prevention. We ask that you continue to screen your child for illness before sending them to school. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in helping prevent the spread of illness as we enter the cold

and flu season. We encourage anyone with mild symptoms to wear a mask to prevent the spread of germs in the school and classroom settings.

### COVID-19

The Bedford Public School nursing staff continues to provide COVID-19 symptomatic testing at school. **This testing service is optional and consent is required prior to testing.** See the link below to sign up for your student. The school nurses will administer rapid antigen testing using Abbott BinaxNOW or iHealth tests on-site at each school health office.

### [2022-2023 Student Consent Form for Symptomatic COVID-19 Testing at School](#)

This service is for students who develop symptoms while already at school. Please continue to screen your children each day before school and refer to the COVID-19 symptoms checklist on the [BPS website](#). **If your child has mild symptoms of illness, please test them at home with a rapid home antigen test before sending them to school.**

We encourage all families to keep a supply of COVID-19 home rapid antigen tests on hand. Home test kits are available from the following town offices during normal business hours: Health Department, Council on Aging, Town Manager's Office, or the Bedford Free Public Library. Students may attend school with mild symptoms as long as they are testing negative on an antigen test before coming to school.

Many families signed up for iHealth home tests last Spring and may still have them left over. The expiration date for this product has been extended. You can check the expiration dates with the lot # using this link: [iHealth Expiration Date Extension](#)

We encourage everyone to get vaccinated with the most recent booster.

For the latest information on COVID-19 cases within the school district please navigate to the [Bedford COVID-19 Dashboard](#)

### Superintendent Search Update

To stay current on the search for a new superintendent please navigate to the [Superintendent Search Page](#) on our website.

### December 23, 2022

A reminder that Friday, December 23, 2022, the final day of school in 2022 is a half day. School dismissal will be as follows:

BHS - 11:08 a.m.

JGMS - 11:05 a.m.

Lane School - 11:30 a.m.

Davis School - 12:05 p.m.

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

Sincerely,

Philip Conrad  
Superintendent