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Superintendent Update

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Friday, January 15, 2021

Hello Bedford School Community,

Monday, January 18, 2021

Just a reminder that Monday, January 18, 2021 is a federal holiday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The third Monday each January is a national day of service. For more information about service opportunities please visit the [MLK Day of Service](#) website. For more information about Dr. King please visit the National Park Service [MLK Memorial](#) website.

DESE Updates

Last Friday we received word that DPH and DESE were offering school districts in Massachusetts an opportunity to become involved in voluntary pool testing for a six week period for no cost. The first step in this process is for us to express and interest in participating in the program, which we have done. We will have more information available soon. In the meantime if you'd like to read about the program please go to the [DESE COVID-19 Website](#) and review the 1/11/2021 6:25pm announcement or see the announcement by Governor Baker and Commission Riley at [MA Pool Testing Initiative for Schools](#) or you can go to the [DESE Pool Testing Website](#)

Community COVID-19 Dashboard

The Bedford Board of Health Bedford COVID-19 Dashboard contains data related to case counts, active/recovered cases, case demographics and school case data. The majority of the data on the Dashboard will be updated Monday through Friday, with some data tables and charts updated on a weekly basis. We invite you to view the new dashboard here: www.bedfordma.gov/covid-stats

Additionally, there have been questions about the cases at our schools. Below is a chart of the cases that occurred in the Bedford Public School in the year 2020. Of the 40 cases only 1 was a potentially in-school transmission.

School	Students	Staff	Total in school
Davis Elementary School	5	3	8
Lane Elementary School	3	3	6
John Glenn Middle School	3	1	4
<u>Bedford High School</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>22</u>
Bedford Public Schools Total	26	14	40

Flu Shot Reminder

Thank you to all parents, families, and caregivers who have already sent in the documentation that their child has received the flu vaccine. As you know, the Flu Vaccine is required for all students in Massachusetts. The deadline for compliance has been extended to February 28, 2021. It does not matter whether your child is hybrid or remote, the requirement is for all students. The Massachusetts guidance around the vaccine requirement can be found [here](#). If your child has not yet received the flu vaccine please be in touch with the school nurse of your child's school so that we can comply with the new regulation.

Teaching Assistants, Educational Assistants and Building Substitutes Needed

If you would be interested in joining the Bedford Public Schools as a teaching assistant, an educational assistant, or a building based substitute please check out our openings on our website at [BPS HR Website](#) and thank you!

Technology

If you have questions about this or any other technology issue or concerns please contact tech_support@bedfordps.org

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

Wishing you continued health,

Sincerely,

Philip Conrad
Superintendent