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## Superintendent Update

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Friday, October 2, 2020

Hello Bedford School Community,

Over the past week I have had the pleasure of visiting classrooms in each of our four schools. Each visit has allowed me to learn more about the schools, the classrooms, our students and our teachers. After having spent so much time talking about teaching and learning this summer, it has been wonderful to see it in person. I cannot tell you how impressed I have been with the adaptability of our students and teachers. They continue to learn and adapt with incredible perseverance, grit, and determination. Thank you also to our families for supporting our in-person and remote learners as we continue to get used to the current routine.

### Evacuation Drills

This week each school practiced their evacuation procedures under the watchful eye of the Bedford Fire Department. Each school did an excellent job of exiting the building, assembling at their muster locations, and filing back into the building in a quiet, orderly, and in a socially distanced manner. Thank you to the Bedford Fire Department for their assistance.

### Special Olympics

Congratulations to Bedford High School for being named a Special Olympics Massachusetts Unified Champion School! The Bedford High School staff has created opportunities and activities for a truly unified student body by embracing differences and leading social change through unified sports, an inclusive youth leadership program, and a whole school commitment to inclusion. Congratulations to our administrators, teachers, coaches, athletic director, advisors, student athletes and families who made this possible! We are looking forward to a visit from Special Olympics Massachusetts in the spring to receive our school banner.

### Hybrid/Remote Model Changes

Please be sure to check with your school's administration prior to making any changes to your child's learning model. We are very tight on in person space and remote capacity making unplanned changes

very challenging for students and teachers. Please speak to your child's school administrator prior to making any changes so that we can ensure that we have the capacity for a change. Changes can take up to three to four weeks to complete. We appreciate your assistance.

#### DESE Guidance

For the fifth week in a row there was no new guidance from DESE. If you would like to see the most up to date information from the department it can be found on their website at:

<http://www.doe.mass.edu/covid19/>.

The department did prepare a letter for families of students with disabilities that outlined available resources. If you're interested you can view the letter at:

[DESE Letter to families of students with disabilities](#)

#### Technology information

The technology department continues to work diligently to keep all of our technology up and running. We appreciate their efforts and know that they are on heightened alert to assist individuals, families, teachers and each school with technology related issues. If you have an issue please contact:

[tech\\_support@bedfordps.org](mailto:tech_support@bedfordps.org)

#### Shawsheen River Bridge Closure

Just a reminder that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation will be replacing The Great Road (Route 4/225) bridge deck over the Shawsheen River from Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8PM to Monday October 5<sup>th</sup> at 5AM. During that time the bridge will be closed to all traffic (vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian) as it is removed and replaced. [Detour Map](#) Please contact Bedford Public Works at 781-275-7605 x 4252 with any questions.

#### Massachusetts and Bedford COVID-19 Information

We continue to use Governor Baker's enhanced community data map which tracks COVID-19 cases and gives a colored rating from clear through red. This information is also being utilized by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to alert school communities about the risk in their particular city or town. That information can be found at [MA.GOV Covid Dashboard](#) as part of the COVID Dashboard information. Here in Bedford we are fortunate to receive weekly COVID-19 updates from Town Manager Sarah Stanton. The updates are on the Bedford Home News and Announcements page at [Bedford Home News and Announcements](#).

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

Wishing you continued health,

Sincerely,

Philip Conrad  
Superintendent