



# Bedford Public Schools

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Dear BPS Parents/Guardians,

September 25, 2020

As our third week of the 2020-2021 school year draws to an end, I wanted to share some district updates and reminders with all of you. As you are aware based on my letter from last week, BPS experienced our first positive case of COVID-19 associated with in-person learning. District leadership received confirmation late yesterday evening that BPS has a second confirmed positive COVID-19 case (Bedford High School). Following district and Monroe County Health Department (MCHD) protocols, all necessary contact tracing and appropriate communications are complete. This is not a surprise to our partnering health department experts or myself as we clearly understand that even with the strongest possible mitigation strategies in place, COVID-19 cases will be inevitable. The district's ability to quickly isolate these cases will be the difference between being able to maintain our current schedule and having to revert to a full virtual learning model. The district remains committed to maintaining the current available learning options as long as collected data and the MCHD agrees with our current program options. We are asking for our families' full cooperation to ensure that we are able to do so.

In order to strengthen our school-to-home partnership, we have developed an easy to use at-home parent [COVID-19 Screening Tool](#) that should be used each morning before students leave the house. The tool is linked above and is available on our district's website. In addition, Bedford Public Schools has created a new [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) for providing relevant COVID-19 case information within the district that will be updated as confirmed information is received. This linked dashboard can also be accessed on the district website. We will continue to share information districtwide as needed utilizing this dashboard as a primary method for sharing updated COVID-19 information instead of sending a letter home each time there is a positive case in one of our classrooms/buildings. Of course, individual students or staff who have been deemed a close contact through district and Monroe Health Department contact tracing will continue to be contacted immediately as necessary.

I know that COVID-19 seems to be the general topic coming out of my office these days; however, I would be remiss if I didn't mention how amazing our students and staff have performed over these first few weeks. Any challenges (and there have been many) laid before us have been met with positive attitudes and Kicking Mule tenacity. Moving forward, the district will be sending out our second student learning commitment survey during week five to ensure that building leadership and transportation have enough time to make necessary adjustments based upon student selections. This survey will be for the second quarter of learning (weeks 11-20). Please contact your child's building principal if you have any questions once you have received the survey.

Thank you to everyone for demonstrating patience and kindness as we collectively move forward in this "different" yet successful school year!

Sincerely,

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