

In this week's update, some of the important information I'm sharing with you this week includes:

- Staffing and Vaccine
- Masks
- Remote Days are School Days
- Home Visits
- Budget Update

### **STAFF AND VACCINES**

We are fortunate that some staff qualify to receive vaccines now for a variety of reasons. As these staff members begin to receive their vaccines, we are experiencing staff absences due to presumed side effects. As we have shared previously, all families should have alternative arrangements in the event we are not able to staff our buildings appropriately. This includes absences among all staff, not just traditional classroom teachers. We are doing everything we can to address staff absences, but we will make our decisions erring toward student and staff safety.

### **MASKS**

Please remember that all students are required to have a cloth or disposable face covering every day. We have seen some students with masks that do not fit and do not appropriately cover both nose and mouth. If your child does not have an appropriately sized mask, please contact the nurses' office and we will be happy to help.

### **COVID 19 CASES**

In the past week we have had 3 reported positive cases of COVID.

### **REMOTE DAYS**

Remote days are still school days. This past week may have been a little confusing as we had both a snow day and a remote day. When we decide to have a remote learning day, all students are expected to log in and complete their assigned work. Wednesdays will continue to be remote days for all students, and all students are expected to complete assigned work.

The traditional "snow day" does not require students to log in for remote classes

### **HOME VISITS**

As the pandemic continues and our non-traditional school year continues, some students are experiencing challenges with consistently attending school in person or engaging in remote learning. We recognize that families are dealing with many challenges right now and want to help support your children with school. This year is a "real" school year and academic work does count toward credits and helping your child progress through grade level curriculum.

School staff are calling students and parents to discuss school engagement and what we can do in partnership with families. We are also happy to schedule a home visit. Please contact your child's teacher, administrator or building social worker to schedule a phone call, virtual meeting, or home visit.

### **BUDGET**

On February 2, our Superintendent's Budget was presented at the Public Hearing, followed by the Board of Education beginning its Budget Workshops. A copy of my presentation for the Public Hearing as well as the Superintendent's Budget that was shared with the Board of Education on February 2 and February 3 will be available on our website. Please keep checking the FY22 Budget folder on the East Windsor Public Schools website at [www.eastwindsork12.org](http://www.eastwindsork12.org)

Thank you

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