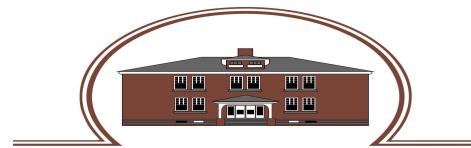


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October 13, 2020

Good evening BUUSD,

I want to thank the Barre Town staff who shifted to remote instruction on-the-fly today due to the tragic incident that occurred near the school on Monday. This reminds us that we should all be taking our digital device home with us each evening in the event that we need to teach remotely with little notice. This could be due to illness, the weather, or some other reason, but it is best for us to be prepared.

If you have been watching the news lately, you will know that there has been a rise in positive COVID-19 cases in Central Vermont. A number of family members from our schools have been affected by this recent outbreak. We have not received notice from the Vermont Department of Health that any students or adults have been in close contact with our schools while they were infectious. We do know that there are students and staff who are following safety protocols by quarantining. I understand that this is alarming, but I want to remind everyone that we continue to follow our safety protocols and safety will continue to be our number one priority. We will let the community know immediately if the Department of Health has advised us that an infectious person has been in close contact with our schools. We all still have an important role to play in this. Students and adults should still stay at home if they are ill. Please continue to do a great job wearing your mask, washing your hands, and practicing social distancing.

## **Family & College Students Returning to the Area**

We need to be safe while family members are traveling home from college or traveling around the holidays in general. According to the Vermont Department of Health, if you are hosting travelers under quarantine in your home, you do not also need to quarantine. "If you are sharing space, stay at least six feet from the people under quarantine. People under quarantine should wear a mask in common spaces. Disinfect commonly touched surfaces and check for symptoms for 14 days." If someone from Vermont travels into a red or yellow area to pick up their child from college or to visit family, it is not considered essential by the state, and they are subject to quarantine for 2 weeks or 7 days and a negative COVID-19 test. For more information, please visit the state's webpage on Cross-State Travel.

<https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/restart/cross-state-travel>

## **1:1 Device Student User Agreement**

Our schools have greatly expanded student access to 1:1 digital devices. This is a great benefit for students learning remotely or in school. Since this is new for our younger grades, we have updated our [1:1 Device Student User Agreement](#). Please take a moment to review this agreement because it applies to any student using their device. If you have any specific questions regarding the user agreement, please contact our Director of Technology, Emmanuel Ajanma at [eajanbsu@buusd.org](mailto:eajanbsu@buusd.org).

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