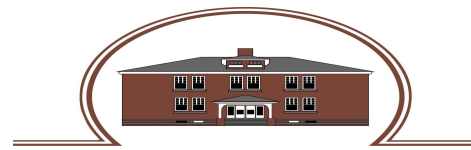


Barre Unified Union School District

120 Ayers Street, Barre, VT 05641 • www.buUSD.org • Phone: 802-476-5011 • Fax: 802-476-4944 or 802-477-1132



Barre City Elementary & Middle School • Barre Town Middle & Elementary School • Spaulding High School • Central Vermont Career Center
Doing whatever it takes to ensure success for every child.

David Wells, M.Ed. - Superintendent of Schools

Mary Ellen Simmons, Ed.D. – Asst. Superintendent of Instruction
Stacy Anderson, M.Ed. - Director of Special Services
Lauren May, M.Ed. – Director of Early Education
Josh Allen – Communications Specialist

Lisa Perreault, SFO - Business Manager
Carol Marold – Director of Human Resources
Emmanuel Ajanma, MAT – Director of Technology
Jamie Evans – Director of Facilities

Annette Rhoades, M.Ed., CAGS – Asst. Director of Special Services
Jon Strazza, MS.Ed. – Asst. Director of Special Services
Rebecca Webb, M.Ed. – Act 166 Regional Coordinator

November 16, 2020

Dear BUUSD Staff,

Last week we learned that the state was offering voluntary surveillance testing for school staff and personnel.

Although we feel that this opportunity is an important part of understanding the extent of COVID-19 in our state and community, the BUUSD will not be offering testing this first round.

The reason for this is due to the safety of all of our staff. Although the messaging first indicated that this was a self-administered test, collection requires extensive handling of the sample by the individuals collecting. With this handling comes increased risk or exposure to volunteers touching the specimens, as well as increased risk of contamination, and sample errors.

As you are all aware, there has been a significant spike in cases in our community. If you would like to be tested, the Barre Auditorium has a pop-up site daily this week. You can also find other sites here: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/testing/where-get-tested>.

The surveillance testing was meant to be conducted for individuals who are asymptomatic, have not knowingly been exposed to a COVID-positive individual, and have not been advised to quarantine for any reason. The testing sites listed in the link above are for anyone, and more testing sites are being added daily.

We will continue to work with the Vermont Agency of Education to develop a plan for offering this testing to all of you in the December round if we can do so with the safety of all our staff in mind.

Thank you,

David Wells
Superintendent
dwellbsu@buUSD.org