Bethany Public School District

Colleen Murray, Superintendent

44 Peck Road
Bethany, Connecticut 06524
cmurray@bethany-ed.org

Phone (203) 393-1170
Fax (203) 393-0239
www.bethany-ed.org

April 16, 2021

Dear BCS Community,

Why does a vacation week fly by so quickly and work weeks seem to move along at a snail's pace? I hope you and your family got to enjoy some quality time together this week. Please refer to the CDC Travel Guidelines and BCS Travel Advisory if you've been traveling.

The District remains committed to providing in-person instruction to the greatest extent possible while mitigating health risks to students and staff. Based on the most recent COVID-19 metrics for Bethany, and in collaboration with our local health advisors at Quinnipiack Valley Health District (QVHD), BCS will remain in-person learning for the week of Monday, April 19, 2021.

Please notify Principal Tom Reed-Swale at treed-swale@bethany-ed.org, if your child will require remote learning while they quarantine following travel.

The Department of Health (DPH) continues to report town-level data for the number of new cases per 100,000 population and for the percent test positivity in the following dataset: COVID-19 Case Rate by Town. BCS reports zero positive cases this past week and the Town of Bethany reports 23 positive cases with a rate of 30 positive cases per 100,000 for the weeks of March 28th through April 10th. This recent data keeps Bethany in the Red Zone.

Responsible Reporting

Please continue to contact the school to report absences and contact the BCS Nurses' Office at (203) 393-3350 x615 or **Tom Reed-Swale** at **treed-swale@bethany-ed.org** or (860) 933-2381 if a student/staff, or a household family member, tests positive for COVID-19 or if student/staff has been identified as a close contact requiring quarantining. In order to determine an individual's quarantine time and return to school/work date, we must ask questions regarding their exposure which requires your cooperation. Please do not send your child to school to be assessed by the nurse if they are experiencing any COVID-19 related symptoms. Please do not give your child fever-reducing medicine and then send them to school. By doing so, our chances of controlling transmission and preventing quarantines become significantly challenged.

If we all continue to work together, with the goal of keeping our school open and do all we can to keep each other healthy and safe, we will have a successful end to this school year and Finish Strong! Thank you to all the staff and families who are working collaboratively with the school to keep everyone safe. Your ongoing cooperation and responsible reporting is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Colleen M. Murray
Superintendent