Bethany Public School District

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Dear BCS Community,

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 <5 positive cases with a rate of <5 positive cases per 100,000 for the weeks of May 16th through May 29th. Bethany remains in the Gray Zone.

THANK YOU!

Throughout the 2020 - 2021 school year, the District remained committed to providing in-person instruction to the greatest extent possible while mitigating health and safety strategies. Together, we reopened school in August and kept it open, with the exception of a few pre-planned weeks, right through to June. This is an accomplishment that many school districts cannot claim. We couldn't have done it without the support of many, including our BOE, administration, staff, town officials, parents, and students. It wasn't always easy, we didn't always agree, mistakes were made, but in the end, we did the best we could during such unprecedented and challenging times for the sake of our kids and their education. Thank you for your support, cooperation, and trust as we navigated the darkest of times of this Pandemic together. Bethany Strong!

It gives me great pleasure to write:

BCS will remain in-person learning for the last week of the 2020 - 2021 school year.

WE did it!

This will be the last COVID Update for the school year. Be on the lookout for the *Safe Return to In-person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan* which will be posted to the District website on June 23rd. Thank you to all that attended the Open Forum on Tuesday night and to all that are completing the survey to inform our decisions as we develop the Return to BCS 2021 Plan.

Please enjoy a well-deserved summer break. Be safe, stay healthy, cherish every day you can with family and friends, and we'll see you in August.

Sincerely,

Colleen M. Murray
Superintendent