

Springfield 2021-2022

Superintendent's Report

November 1, 2021

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Our Vision & Mission

Vision:

Cultivating compassionate and extraordinary learners!

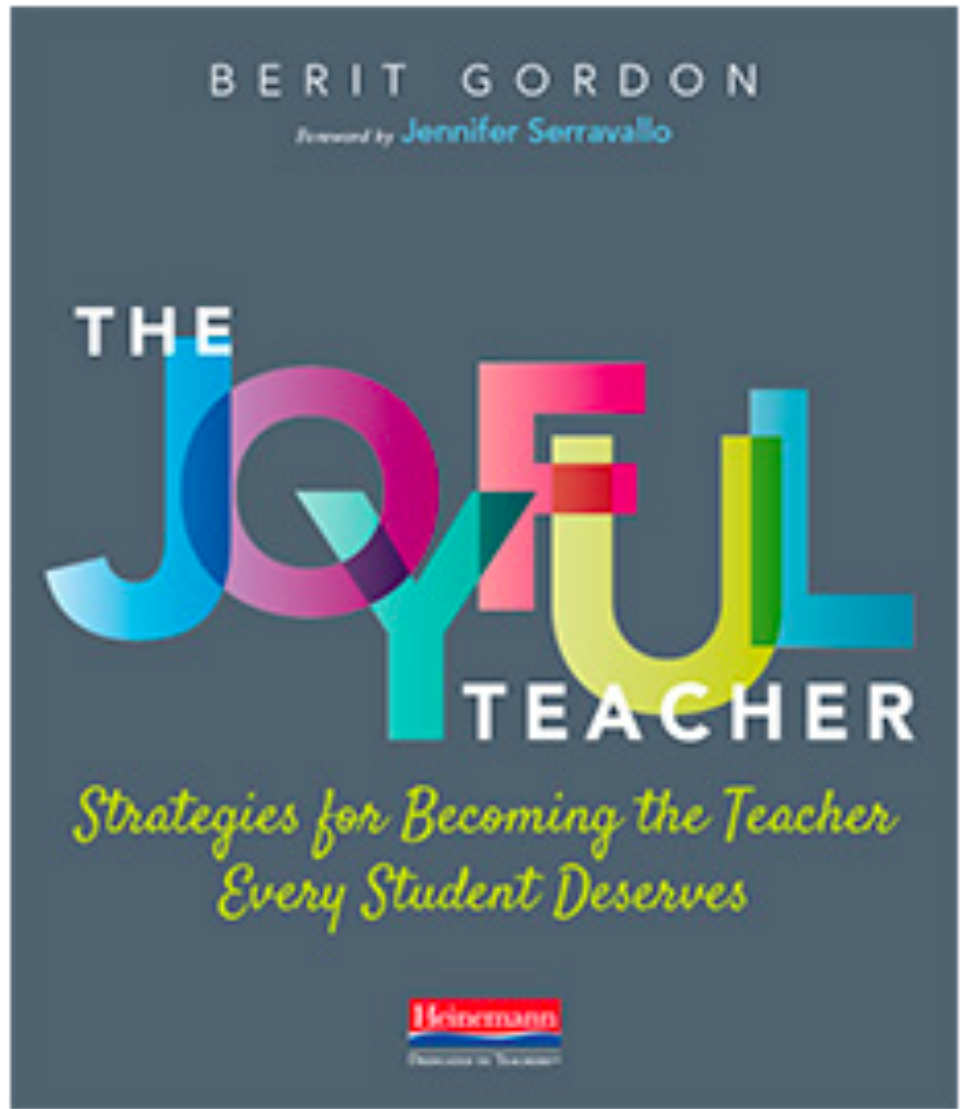
Mission:

Springfield Public Schools will challenge every student through meaningful, engaging experiences — empowering all students to flourish and contribute in an evolving world.

Report Overview

- District Updates
- School & Athletic Highlights
- Community Updates: Parent Events & Calendar Information
- Covid 19 Updates

Professional Development Update



Consultant Speaker Author

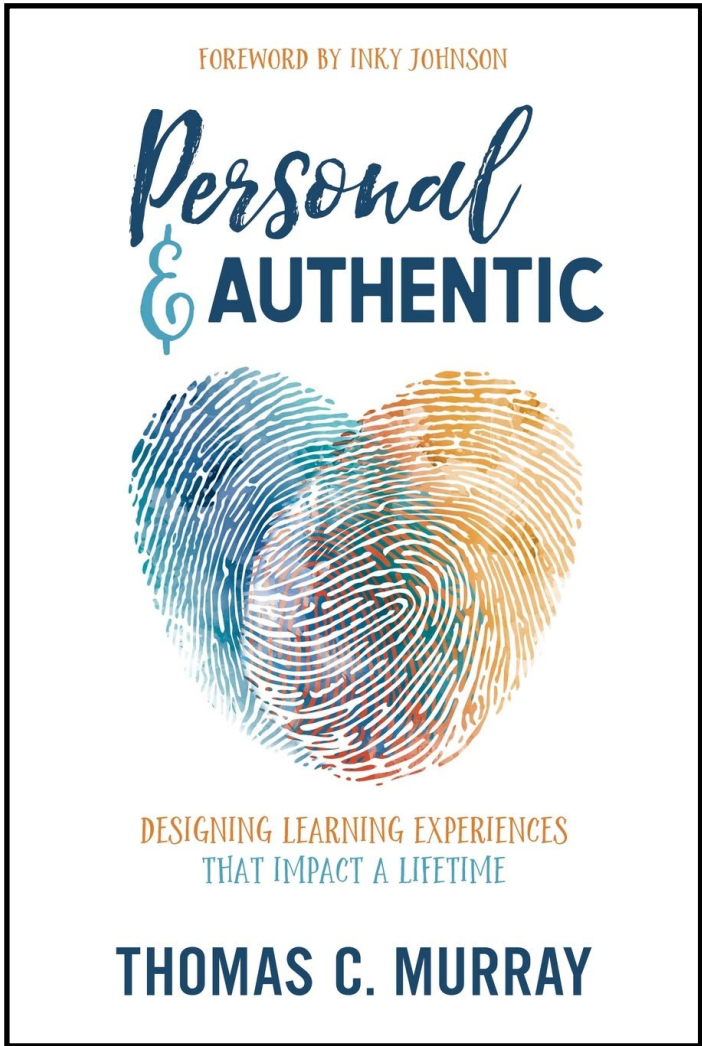
Helping teachers and schools to thrive and find joy in this essential work.

Professional Support

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Google Meet★ NJ Reading Disabilities★ Suicide Prevention★ HIB★ STEM/Scratch★ Project Lead the Way | <ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Power and Responsibilities of the School Climate Team★ MTSS: Multi-Tiered Support Systems★ C.A.R. “Curriculum Action Roadmap” |
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November 2nd Staff Development Day

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Keynote: “<i>Personal and Authentic</i>” Thomas Murray, Published Author★ Analyzing Student Data to Drive instruction★ Student Safety: Mandate Reporting | <ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Social and Emotional Support with Project Adventure★ Using Braille Technology★ Mental Health Best Practices for Students w/ Rutgers University★ Speechpathology.com |
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2021-2022

School Highlights

Red Ribbon Week

Sandmeier students celebrated Red Ribbon Week throughout the week! Including a wear Red day!



Art Club At Work!



JDHS Students Volunteers:
Emma Silva, Michael Foley, Lillyan Nguyen, Benita Franklin,
Aspyn Lee, Brianna Polanco, Nick Ware

PLAY ON! BY RICK ABBOT

JONATHAN DAYTON HIGH SCHOOL
PROUDLY PRESENTS



PLAY ON!

Friday, November 19th and
Saturday, November 20th at 7 pm

Tickets: Adults - \$10 Seniors & Students - \$5

Halsey Hall Auditorium
Jonathan Dayton High School
139 Mountain Ave. Springfield, NJ

Play On! is presented through special arrangement with Concord Theatricals.
All authorized performance materials are also supplied through Concord Theatricals, New York, NY



Jonathan Dayton High School

Athletic Highlights

Girls Varsity Soccer Team Conference Champs!

Co-Champions of
the Union County
Conference Valley
Division!
First time in JDHS
history!



Congratulations Coach Lynch & Asst. Coach Shultz and the
amazing team!

Cross-Country Team Update

Jonathan Dayton XC ran in the 84th Union County Championships on Thursday, Oct. 28 at Warinanco Park.

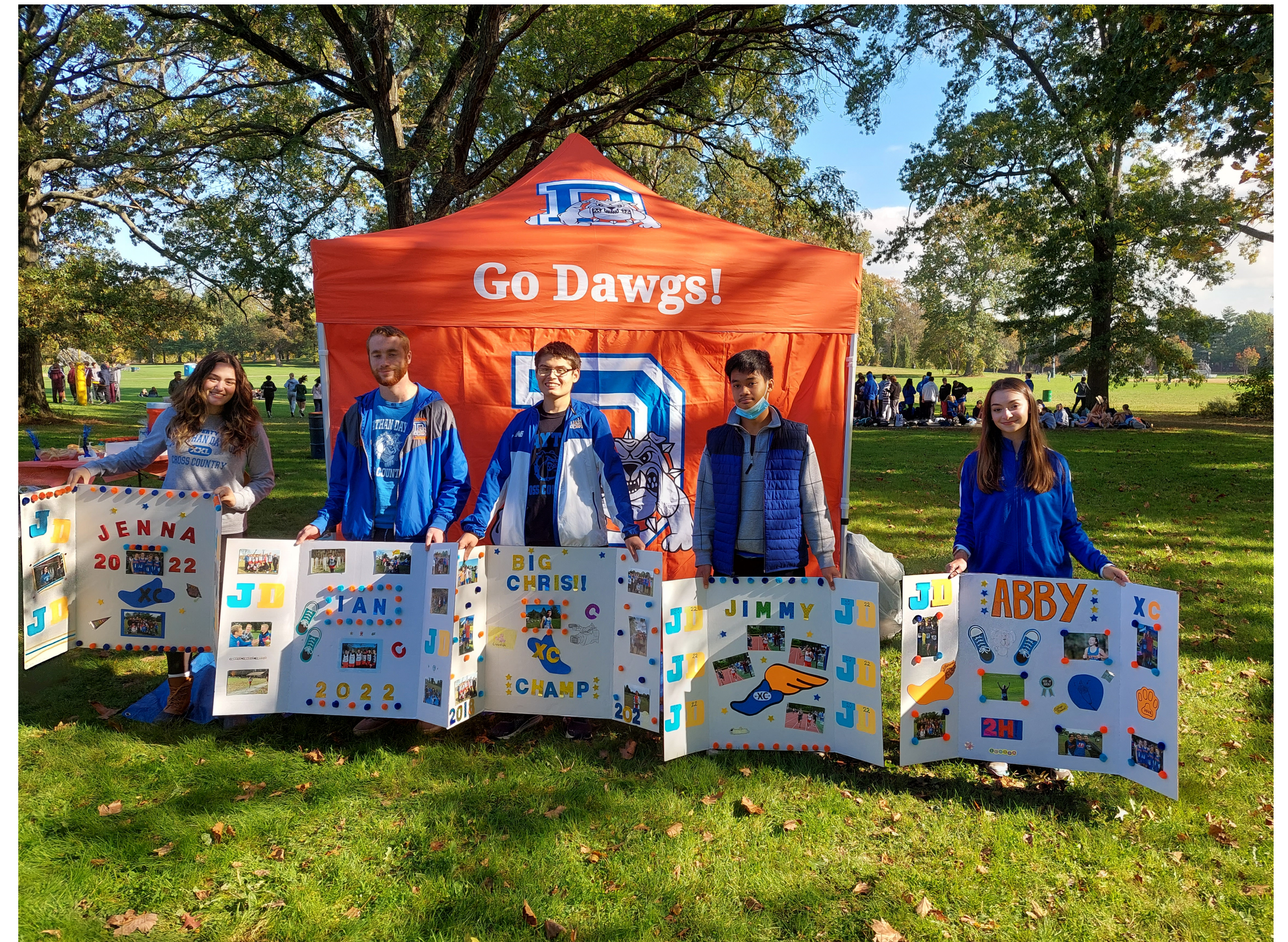
The boys team had its best team finish since the 1990s finishing 7th overall out of 14 teams. The girls team finished 11th.

Junior Colin Riley had an outstanding day finishing 4th overall. This was the fourth race this season where Colin set the course record for a Jonathan Dayton Bulldogs. Colin is now only of 16 runners in history to ever break 16:00 on the Warinanco Course!

Junior Claudia Reines finished 8th overall. By doing so, like Colin, Claudia earned first team all Union County honors.

Also, the senior members of the Bulldogs were honored by the team and the XC/Track Boosters Program. Receiving recognition were Abby Glass, Jenna Lashuk, Ian McLeer, Chris Ortiz and James Galapate.

The Bulldogs are in action next at the Group 1 Central Sectional Championship November 6th! Go 'Dawgs!



Athletic Updates

- Girls Volleyball: The Dayton girls volleyball team finished the regular season with a record of 11-6 and earned the No. 2 seed and a bye in the quarterfinals of the Central Jersey, Group 1 Tournament. The Bulldogs will host the winner of third-seeded Harrison and sixth-seeded Newark Tech on Thursday in the semifinals. Junior Samantha Janker leads the team with 88 kills while Senior Kennedy Kwita has recorded 85 digs and 176 assists!
- Football: The Dayton football team concluded its season on Thursday and finished with a 3-5 record. The Bulldogs won games over Highland Park (34-0), Dunellen (47-14) and Roselle Park (18-13).
- Boys Varsity Soccer: Won 3 and tied 2 games this season, tonight they are playing Cedar Grove in the North Jersey, Group 1, Section 2 Tournament



2021-2022 Community Updates

Upcoming Parent Support Programs



Therapeutic Learning
Connections

The Springfield Public
Schools in partnership
with Therapeutic
Learning Connections
presents:

Parenting in a Post-Pandemic World

Monday, November 8th 7:00-8:15

This interactive webinar is offered for parents who want to learn new ways to support their child in the aftermath of the pandemic.



Parents who attend this webinar will be able to:

- Identify and utilize the seven tools in a parent's Social Emotional Learning Toolbox: 1. resilience 2. vulnerability 3. empathy 4. being an emotion scientist, 5. power 6. compassionate accountability 7. listening to behavior
- Describe the short- and long-term impact of the pandemic on your child or teen
- Learn ways to help their child develop resilience

Click on this link to attend this virtual workshop:

[Parenting a Post-Pandemic World](#)

Meeting ID: 870 7666 4044 Passcode: 459833


Presenter Bio: Connie Palmer has been a teacher, therapist and school counselor with nearly thirty years of experience as a social worker. She is currently a Grief Educator for Imagine, a Center for Coping with Loss in Mountainside and Newark, NJ. She is also the owner of Therapeutic Learning Connections which offers social, emotional learning workshops for schools, houses of worship, community organizations and workplaces. She is also a parent of two daughters.

Upcoming Parent Support Programs

Parent series for adolescents sponsored through the Student Assistance Counselors of Union County
– upcoming program dates will be shared with the community.



Connecting with Your Teens
A Presentation by Angelo D'Amico, MA
High Focus Centers
November 16, 2021
7:00 – 8:00 PM



High Focus Centers
(800) 877-FOCUS (3628)

A Multi-Community Parent Support Program
from the Student Assistance Coordinators of
Elizabeth, Hillside, Linden, Scotch Plains-Fanwood, Springfield & Union



Edward V. Walton Early Childhood Center

All Walton Students:

Wednesday, November 3rd: Virtual Early Dismissal

Walton Students at St. James:

Monday, November 8th & Tuesday, November 9th: In-Person Early Dismissal

Walton Students Returning to Walton:

Monday, November 8th & Tuesday, November 9th: Virtual Early Dismissal

All Walton Students:

Wednesday, November 10th: In-Person Early Dismissal

All Walton Students:

Thursday, November 11th: Full Day!

Walton Heroes

Mr. Michael Plias
Principal

Ms. Sandra Orejarena
Transportation Coordinator



Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences

Students in Grades PK-8:
Early Dismissal on Nov. 22 & 23

Fall Virtual Conference Dates/Times:
Monday, November 22: Afternoon and Evening
Tuesday, November 23: Afternoon

Student in Grades 9-12:
Nov. 22 & 23 full days

Wednesday, November 24:
Early Dismissal, All Grades

Current Status of Schools

Since September 1, 2021:

24 Positive Cases of COVID-19 Reported
5 Staff Members
19 Students

Notes:

All cases were related to outside of school transmission

It is **ESSENTIAL** to keep your children home when any member of the household is experiencing symptoms or if they are waiting on a COVID-19 test.



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