

# Springfield 2021-2022

Superintendent's Report

February 28, 2022

#SPSCompassionate&Extraordinary

# 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

- 2021 Audit
- Community Updates
- Covid-19 Protocols Update



# Community Updates





# Celebrating Black History Month

At FMG 7th grade  
students have shared  
powerful quotes on Jamboard!



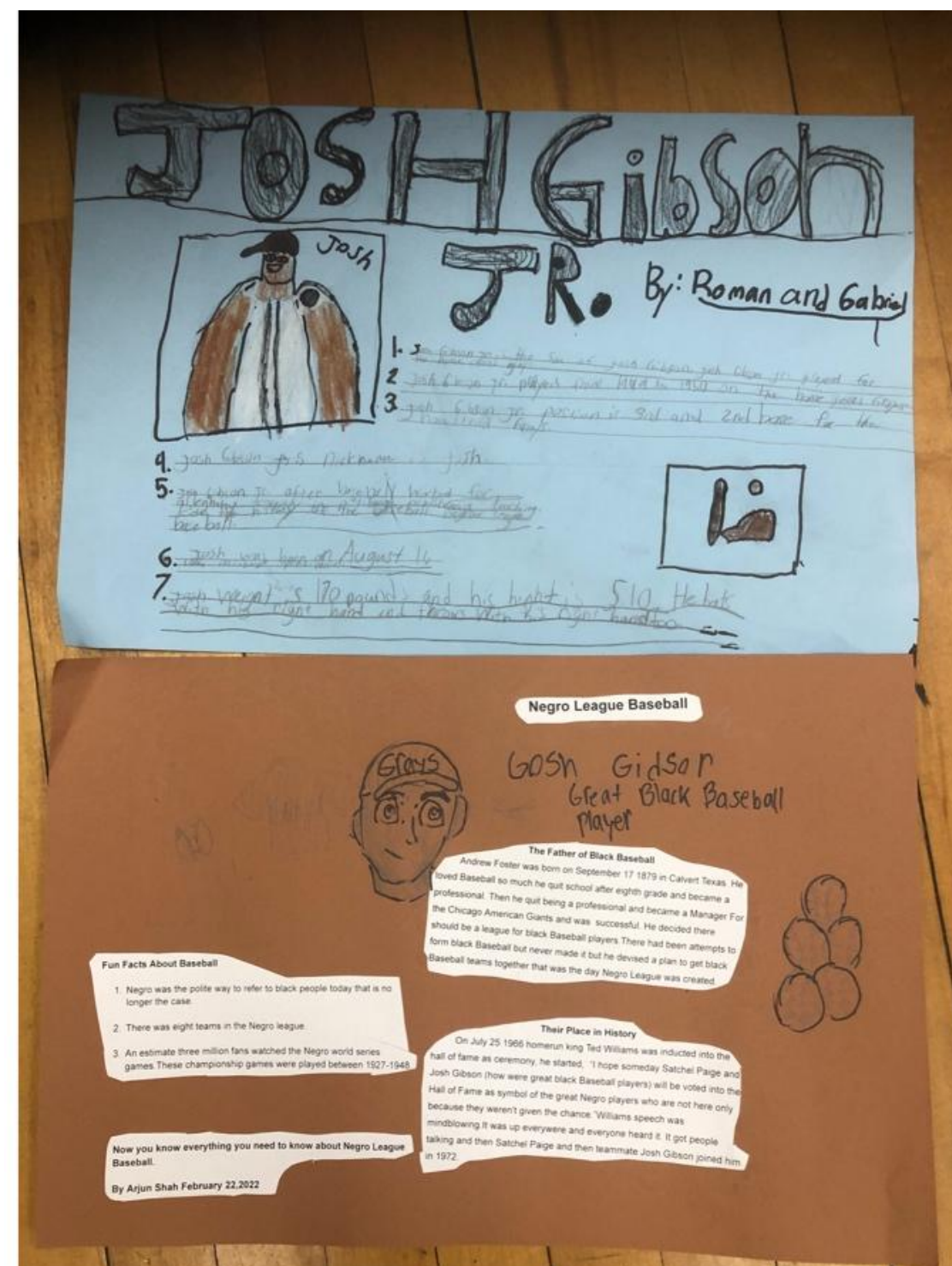
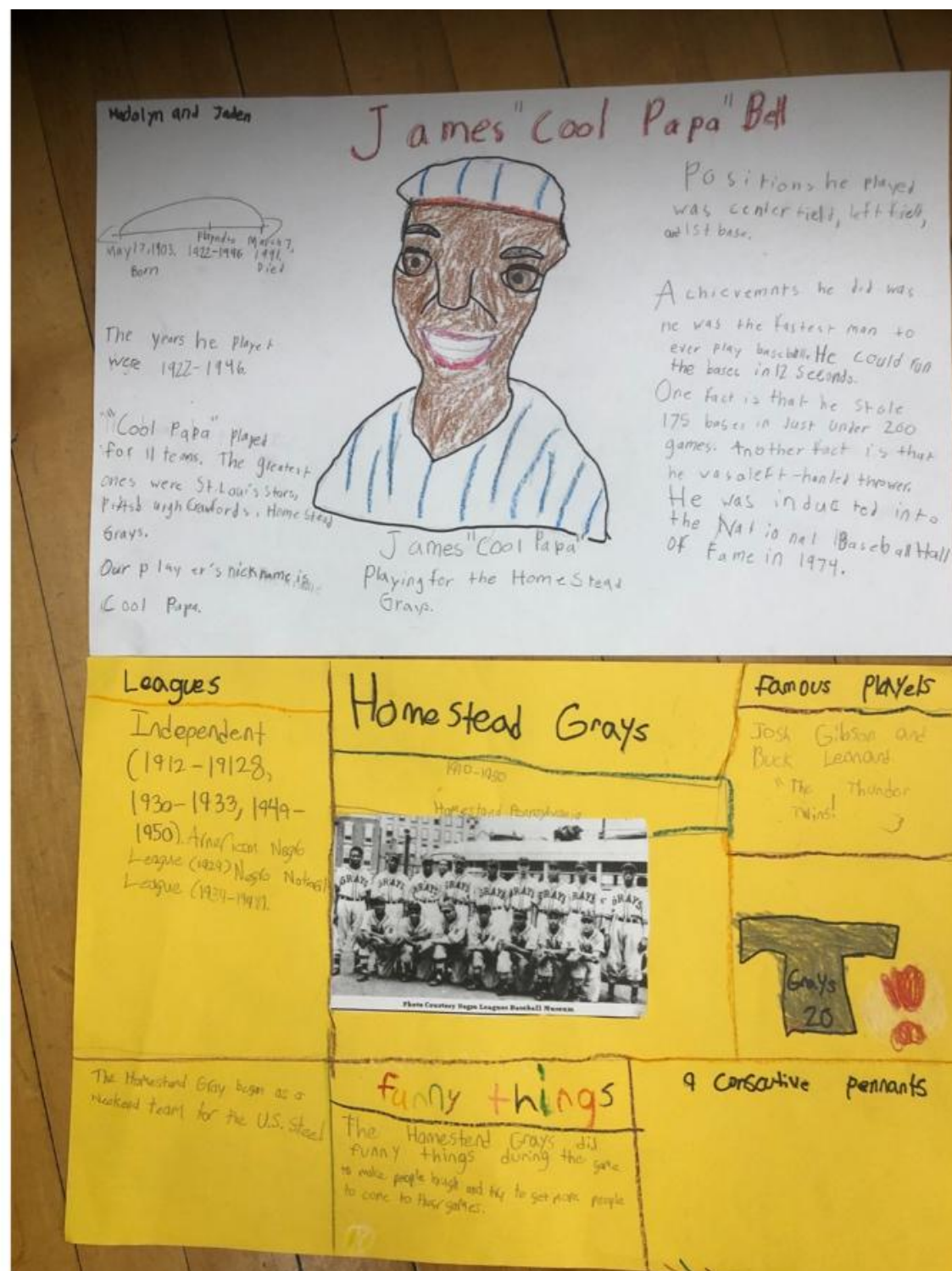
# 6th grade students learned about the overlooked role of African American Cowboys!



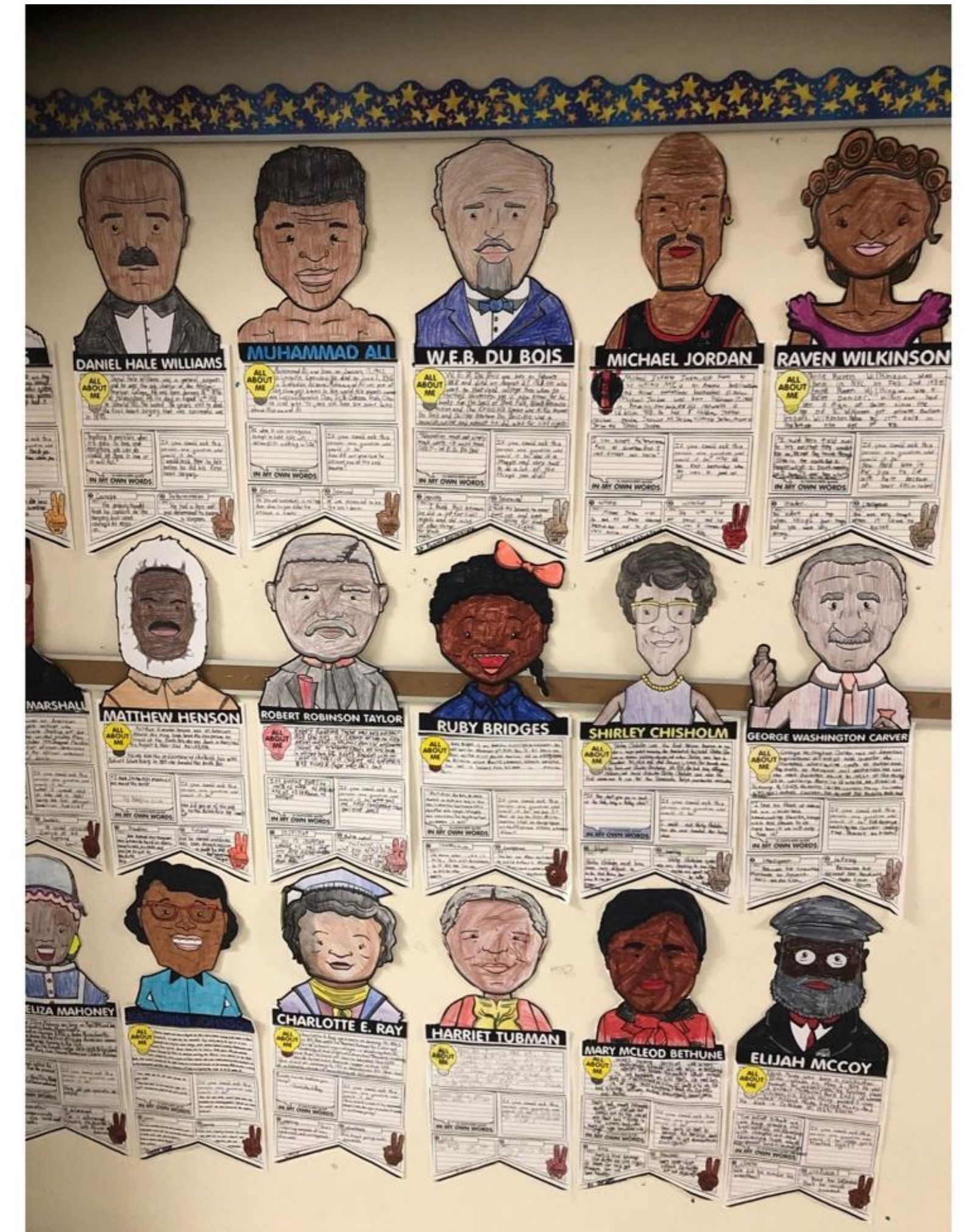


# Celebrating Black History Month

3rd Graders at Caldwell are reading a historical fiction novel about the first African-American baseball players, segregation, and the importance of the Negro League and are working to create a Negro League Baseball Museum Display!



5th Graders at Caldwell made their own African-American Wall of Fame to share with all of the students!





# Celebrating Black History Month



At Walton, our students read tons of books and learned about the amazing contributions of African American historical figures!



# Around Town

FMG Junior National  
Honor Society Induction  
Tuesday, February 22



The Great Kindness  
Challenge at Sandmeier!

JDHS Students  
Participate in Model UN in  
Washington, D.C.!





# Around Town

Thanks to our PTAs for showering our staff with love on Valentine's Day!





# Class of 2026 Visits JDHS!





# JDHS Athletics Highlights



The Jonathan Dayton boys indoor track team won its first Central Jersey, Group 1 sectional title in program history on Saturday, Feb. 12 with 75 team points. Meanwhile, the girls team placed fourth overall with 47 team points. The Bulldogs will compete in the Group 1 State Championships on Saturday, Feb. 26.

The Dayton boys sprint medley relay team of Takeo Cobbs, Alex Jean-Baptiste, James Garcia and Colin Riley finished in second place with a time of 3:37.84 at the North Shore Pre-National Invitational to qualify for the New Balance National Indoor Track and Field Championships.

The relay team is currently ranked No. 5 in New Jersey and No. 15 in the United States.



Colin Riley was crowned Group 1 state champion in both the 1600 and the 3200 while Claudia Reines qualified for the Meet of Champions with a second-place finish in the 3200 on Saturday, Feb. 26 at the Bennett Center in Toms River. The Meet of Champions will be at the Bennett Center on Saturday, Mar. 5.



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# Athletics Highlights



The Jonathan Dayton girls basketball team completed the regular season on a three-game winning streak with wins over Dunellen, Roselle Park and Johnson. The Bulldogs finished with a 14-5 record and as champions of the UCC Valley Division.

Dayton earned the No. 4 seed in the North 2, Group 1 Tournament and will host 13th-seeded Weequahic on Tuesday, Mar. 1.



# Celebrating the Arts!



For the first time,  
JDHS & FMG  
Orchestra students  
performed together!

Save the Date for  
Chicago!  
April 1st & 2nd



# Current Status of Schools

| Week Starting  | Walton    | Caldwell  | Sandmeier | FMG        | JDHS*      | District Total |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|----------------|
| 9/6/2021   |           |           |           |            |            | 0              |
| 9/13/2021  |           | 1         | 1         |            |            | 2              |
| 9/20/2021  | 3         | 1         | 1         | 2          | 1          | 8              |
| 9/27/2021  |           |           | 1         | 2          |            | 3              |
| 10/4/2021  | 1         |           |           |            |            | 1              |
| 10/11/2021   | 1         |           |           | 1          | 1          | 3              |
| 10/18/2021   |           |           |           | 1          | 1          | 2              |
| 10/25/2021   | 2         |           |           | 1          |            | 3              |
| 11/1/2021  |           |           |           |            |            | 0              |
| 11/8/2021  | 2         |           |           | 5          | 1          | 8              |
| 11/15/2021   |           | 2         | 1         | 3          | 1          | 7              |
| 11/22/2021   | 1         |           | 1         |            |            | 2              |
| 11/29/2021   | 2         | 2         | 3         | 4          | 1          | 12             |
| 12/6/2021  | 1         | 2         |           |            | 5          | 8              |
| 12/13/2021   | 2         | 2         | 1         | 5          | 7          | 17             |
| 12/20/2021   | 12        | 10        | 5         | 18         | 45         | 90             |
| Student Only Cases Reported During the Holiday Break 12/24** | 44        | 14        | 13        | 55         | 51         | 177            |
| 1/3/2022   | 4         |           | 2         | 9          | 7          | 22             |
| 1/10/2022  | 7         | 3         | 3         | 13         | 3          | 29             |
| 1/17/2022  | 9         | 7         | 3         | 7          | 4          | 30             |
| 1/24/2022  |           | 2         | 2         | 8          | 6          | 18             |
| 1/31/2022  | 2         | 1         | 1         | 1          |            | 5              |
| 2/7/2022   |           | 1         | 1         | 2          | 1          | 5              |
| 2/14/2022  | 1         | 1         |           | 2          | 0          | 4              |
| 2/21/2022  | 1 -       |           |           | 1          |            | 2              |
| 2/28/2022  | 1         |           |           | 2          |            | 3              |
| <b>21-22 Total Positive COVID-19 Cases</b>                   | <b>96</b> | <b>49</b> | <b>39</b> | <b>142</b> | <b>135</b> | <b>461</b>     |

**Since September 1, 2021:**

**461 Cases of COVID-19 Reported**

**Since January 3, 2022:**

**118 Cases of COVID-19 Reported**



# Quarantine & Masking Update

## **Masking Protocols Effective March 7, 2022**

- The wearing of masks will be optional for students and staff except in the instances identified below.
- We may reinstitute the mask requirement in consultation with our local health officials in the following types of scenarios :
  - Community spread is increased to High (Orange) or Very High (Red);
  - If an outbreak at a classroom or school level is identified, students in the specific classroom or school may be required to masks;
  - After returning from quarantine;
  - If identified as symptomatic for any illness in the school environment, they will be required to wear a mask until they leave the school premises.
- At this time, no individuals will be required to remove masks except in cases of emergency.

Based on: NJDOH Updated Guidelines on Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2022 & CDC Updated Guidelines on Friday, Feb. 25, 2022



# Quarantine & Masking Update

- **Masking Protocols Effective March 7, 2022**
  - Students will not be required to wear masks on busses or school transportation, unless required to do so by the NJDOH or CDC guidance
- **Contact Tracing**
  - We will continue to provide notification to specific individuals who might have been close contacts to positive cases
  - If higher numbers of cases appear in specific classrooms or schools, additional information and communication will be shared
- **Masks will continue to be available for individuals who wish to wear one.**

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# Quarantine Protocols Update

- **Quarantine Protocols Remain the Same**

- If an individual tests positive, they may not attend in-person schools until Day 6. The day(s) are calculated as 2 days prior to the onset of symptoms OR the date of the positive test result. If the individual remains asymptomatic, they may return on Day 6.
- Household Close Contacts: If individual is vaccinated or has had COVID-19 in the past 90 days, they are not required to quarantine. If unvaccinated and has not tested positive in the last 90 days, they are required to quarantine, with the start date established the date of contact. If the individual remains asymptomatic, they may return on Day 6.
- For the remainder of this school year, students will only be eligible to participate in virtual instruction with positive laboratory test results (either Rapid or PCR tests given in a healthcare setting).

- **Quarantine and Masking Protocols**

- Individuals who return from quarantine either due to a positive case or due to a household close contact must wear a mask through Day 10.



# Zero Tolerance

**Springfield Public Schools has a zero tolerance perspective relating to all cases of Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying.**

Staff, students, and visitors will be supported in their choice to either wear or not wear a mask on a daily basis.

Elementary schools will work to support parents who wish for their child to wear a mask in the school environment. Parents should contact their school principal to identify any specific concerns.

At the middle and high school levels, the **schools will not** enforce parental choices relating to masking. Therefore, if a parent wishes for their child to wear a mask, it is the responsibility of that parent to have the conversation with their child. School administrators will not enforce the individual parental choices; to do so would be a hardship to teachers and administrators and interfere with the work of the school.



# Important Dates

Reminder:

Friday, March 11th

Walton School Delayed Opening

Re-scheduled parent conferences





# Get your COVID-19 Shot

## Pfizer Pediatric COVID Clinic (ages 5-11 years of age)

**Where:** Chisholm Community Center Gym  
100 S Springfield Ave, Springfield NJ 07081

**When :** Tuesday, March 22nd  
from 3:30pm-5:30pm

### Important Information:

We are offering the pediatric Pfizer vaccine ONLY for children ages 5-11.

A parent/guardian MUST be present at the vaccine clinic for child to receive vaccine. No ID or proof of residency/insurance is required.

Limited availability. Register for appointments here:  
<https://tinyurl.com/mrywkkdf>

Please complete & print consent form before you arrive. You can find it here:  
<https://tinyurl.com/BDHHSPedCOVIDConsent>

Face coverings must be worn.

Questions? Call Public Health Nurses at:  
973-680-4058



# March is Women's History Month

