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Superintendent Update

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Friday, September 25, 2020

Hello Bedford School Community,

We have just completed our first full week of school. Thank you to everyone for your patience as we continue to improve our delivery of teaching and learning to students and families. We appreciated the assistance of the department of public works and the police department for helping all of our students get to school safely. Our sidewalks are paved and our traffic issues continue to improve.

At Tuesday night's school committee meeting we discussed how individual families can go about changing the learning model for their child. If you find yourself in that situation please contact your child's school registrar to initiate that process. Please note that there are a number of challenges to changing models. We remain open to the idea of a family deciding to change their enrollment choice once the school year has begun, changes will be dependent on our ability to staff the change and our ability to accommodate a student into the new model because of class size limitations and course enrollments. This may mean that a student changing from remote to hybrid may need to be placed outside of their alphabetic cohort. We will do our best to accommodate changes within the three to four-week window recommended by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

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DESE Guidance

For the fourth week in a row there was no new guidance from DESE. If you would like to see the most up to date information from the department it can be found on their website at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/covid19/>.

Technology information

The technology department has worked diligently this week to keep all of our technology up and running. We appreciate their efforts and know that they are on heightened alert to assist individuals, families, teachers and each school with technology related issues. If you have an issue please contact tech_support@bedfordps.org

Food Service Information

Please be sure to check your email for a message Food Service Director Ken Whittier regarding ordering procedures for meals. Also please keep in mind that the USDA has extended free meals for all students through December 31, 2020. This allows all meals to be served at no charge. This allows us to offer meals to ALL students at no charge. The Bedford Public Schools will be reimbursed by the USDA for all meals served.

Massachusetts and Bedford COVID-19 Information

We continue to use Governor Baker's enhanced community data map which tracks COVID-19 cases and gives a colored rating from clear through red. This information is also being utilized by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to alert school communities about the risk in their particular city or town. That information can be found at [MA.GOV Covid Dashboard](#) as part of the COVID Dashboard information. Here in Bedford we are fortunate to receive weekly COVID-19 updates from Town Manager Sarah Stanton. The updates are on the Bedford Home News and Announcements page at [Bedford Home News and Announcements](#).

Finally, I would like to say "Yom Tov" to everyone observing Yom Kippur on Monday.

As always, thank you for your patience, your participation, and your continued commitment to our schools.

Wishing you continued health,

Sincerely,

Philip Conrad
Superintendent