



Windham School District

School Administrative Unit 95

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As of today, October 29, 2021, our district has a total of six (6) positive COVID-19 cases. There are two (2) positive cases at Golden Brook School, one (1) positive case at Windham Center School, one (1) positive case at Windham Middle School, and two (2) positive cases at Windham High School. I want to thank our community for remaining vigilant in our joint effort to keep our COVID-19 cases and exposures within the schools low. Below are a few additional items that I wanted to make you aware of this week.

- **Masked Classrooms:** There were two classrooms placed on a mask mandate last week. One at Golden Brook School and one at Center School. Effective **today, October 29** the Golden Brook mask mandate is lifted. The mask mandate will also be lifted for the Center School class on **Monday, November 1**.
- **Interim Assistant Superintendent:** We are happy to announce that Shannan McKenna has accepted the Interim Assistant Superintendent position effective January 1, 2022. Ms. McKenna is currently serving as the Director of Social Studies and World Languages, 5-12 for the district. This appointment will allow Dr. Kori Becht to transition into her new role as the Superintendent of Schools with minimal disruption to the oversight and development of the district's curriculum. Active recruitment is currently taking place for the full-time fulfillment of the Assistant Superintendent position effective July 1, 2022.
- **Interim Principal, WCS:** Due to a late resignation prior to the school year beginning, Billie-Jo Martin accepted the interim Principal position at Center School. The position has been posted for permanent fulfillment, effective July 1, 2022.
- **Online Safety Tips for Parents:** We want to thank the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task force for coming to our district and informing families about the potential dangers of online use for children. If you were not able to attend Thursday's presentation, a full recording will be available shortly. We will let families know when it is available for viewing.
- **District Calendar of Events:** As our student activities continue to increase, we have reinstated our district calendar of events! This is a quick view of all the events that are taking place throughout the district each month. The planned activities for the month of November are now available. Click here to view and print: <https://bit.ly/3mmaDyx>



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- **Volunteers at Golden Brook:** We are happy to announce that volunteers will be welcomed back effective Monday, November 1st. Additional details will be sent shortly from the school principal.
- **Ongoing Recruitment Effort:** Thank you to those that have volunteered to help us with Nutritional Services and to the PTA for their support! We have had a great response from Golden Brook volunteers however, we still have an immediate and urgent need for Nutritional Services volunteers at Center School. Volunteers will only be required to serve lunches during GBS lunch: 10:35 am - 1:15 pm or WCS lunch: 10:55 am - 12:05 pm. There is no minimum requirement for weekly or ongoing availability. There is also a need for on-call volunteers for the Middle School. If you have any questions or want to volunteer, please email cfreethy@windhamsd.org.
- **School's Water Supply:** We are encouraging all students to come to school each day with a refillable water bottle. Our refillable water stations are open daily and easily accessible. Each school will still have a small supply of water bottles available for those students who forget.
- **Maintenance on High School Sign:** The digital sign at the end of London Bridge Road is not functioning properly at this time. Our IT department is actively working with the vendor to troubleshoot the issue. The sign will be reactivated once the project is completed.
- **High School Athletic Improvements:** Last week, a new and improved scoreboard was installed at the high school football and field hockey field. Thank you to everyone involved for making this project possible! An ongoing initiative is underway to improve all high school athletic fan experiences which include replacing all of the scoreboards and putting in permanent stadium seating.

I hope the weather stays clear for everyone to be able to enjoy the Halloween weekend. Please use your best judgment when participating in events and activities indoors this weekend so that our district can maintain its goal of mask choice for all.

Thank you,

Richard Langlois
Superintendent of Schools