



Windham School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope you all had a great first week back from the holiday break. I am thrilled to be able to continue this school year as the Superintendent of Schools. My goal is to continue to provide engaging educational opportunities and support for our students with our dedicated leaders and staff. I am energized and look forward to watching our students continue to grow as learners and community members. Below are the weekly updates from the district.

As of Thursday, January 6, 2022, our district had a total of one hundred and eighty-nine (189) positive COVID-19 cases. There are three (3) positive cases at the SAU office, fifty-three (53) positive cases at Golden Brook School, nineteen (19) positive cases at Windham Center School, twenty-three (23) positive cases at Windham Middle School, and ninety-one (91) positive cases at Windham High School. The Windham School Board has proactively voted to **mandate the use of indoor masks for all staff and students (grades PK-12) from January 3-12**. This will include all afterschool school-sponsored events and activities.

Adjusted NH DHHS Isolation and Quarantine Guidance- On Wednesday, January 5, 2022, NH DHHS announced that they would be adopting the new CDC guidelines on a shortened duration for isolation and quarantine requirements. Based on these changes, the Windham School District has revised its safety protocols and guidelines for board approval. The School Board will have a special board meeting on Monday, January 10 at 11:00 am to adopt these changes. **If approved, the changes would go into effect for the start of school on Tuesday, January 11.**

Safer at School Screening (SASS): Please know that students are able to participate in the school's voluntary Safer at School Screening (SASS) program. If your child is not currently enrolled, please fill out the parent consent form: <https://form.jotform.com/211383972683161>.



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NH COVID-19 Booster Blitz- The state will be providing COVID-19 booster shots in different locations throughout the state on Saturday, January 8. Registration opened on Monday, January 3 at <https://business.nh.gov/covidvaccineregistration/>.

District-wide Calendar of Events- The district-wide calendar of events for the month of January is now available. The calendar can be downloaded from the district website: https://www.windhamsd.org/news/what_s_new/january_calendar_of_events_now_available.

High School Athletic Fan Experience Upgrades- We are thrilled to have received a donation of \$105,000 from the Windham Fields to purchase bleachers and press boxes for the high school football and field hockey field. Our Jaguars and their fans will be able to enjoy these improvements for years to come.

As a reminder, if your child is experiencing **any symptoms**, please keep them home and seek testing. If your child tests positive for COVID-19 from an at-home or rapid test they should not attend school. These results should be considered an accurate representation of a positive test result. While these are challenging times, we must remain united to keep our school community safe and healthy. We appreciate your continued partnership as we navigate these unprecedented times.

Thank you,

Dr. Kori Becht
Superintendent of Schools