COMMUNITY UPDATE
January 11, 2022
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QUARANTINE & ISOLATION

● **Isolation - Test Positive for COVID-19**
  ○ **Regardless of vaccination** status an individual is required to isolate for a minimum of 5 days

● **Quarantine - Exposed to a COVID-19 positive individual**
  ○ Unvaccinated quarantine for minimum of 5 days
  ○ Fully vaccinated and those infected with COVID-19 within the last 90 days are not required to quarantine

  ■ Fully vaccinated is defined as:
    ● Ages 5-17 years who have completed the primary series of COVID-19 vaccines (2 weeks after 2nd dose)
    ● Ages 18 and older with all recommended vaccine doses, including boosters, when eligible (2 weeks after booster dose)
COVID-19 Education

***2021-2022 Daily COVID-19 Reports***

2021-2022 WCSD Health and Safety During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Guiding Documents for the 2021-2022 Academic Year

- Isolation & Quarantine Protocols: [NYSDOH Shortened Isolation & Quarantine](#) (Updated January 4, 2022)
- ECDOH - Affirmation of Quarantine
- ECDOH - Affirmation of Isolation
- Erie County Department of Health Return to School & Community Based Testing Resources; Return to
QUARANTINE RESOURCES

- Teachers provide information, assignments, tasks, and resources to their students/parents using our digital systems and through our landing pages.
- Communication occurs between the student/parent and school personnel (teacher, social worker, counselor, etc.).
  - Students are provided with a device and hot spot (if needed).
- Teachers and staff monitor to assess for any needs of the student/family.
  - This is addressed during the time of quarantine, as well as upon return as necessary, in and out of the classroom.
TEST TO STAY
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- School districts met with the Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH) on Friday, January 7th to discuss the Test to Stay (TTS) program.
- At this time, this program will only be available to students, not staff.
  - Only students exposed and identified as a close contact in a school setting are eligible to participate in TTS.
- We are finalizing our written TTS protocol and will share that with our school community.
  - TTS protocol has to be approved by ECDOH.
- Parents/guardians will have to consent to participate in the TTS program.
AT-HOME TEST KIT DISTRIBUTION
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- The District distributed nearly 6,500 at-home COVID-19 test kits on January 2nd, 3rd, and 4th
- The remaining test kits could be used for the Test to Stay Program if ECDOH is unable to provide adequate test kit supplies to school districts
STRATEGIC PLANNING
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● Strategic Planning areas of focus:
  ○ Teaching, Learning, and Leadership
  ○ Wellness, Community, and Sustainability
  ○ Communications

● The next Strategic Planning meeting is scheduled for January 24th from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

● Finalizing goal statements and goal activities
STRATEGIC PLANNING

- Next Steps:
  - Schools will develop Strategic Planning Committees to develop action plans
  - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committees will be formed at schools as part of their Strategic Planning Committees
DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION (DEI)
DEI UPDATE

- Culturally Responsive-Sustaining Framework introduced to all schools
- Ongoing DEI with principals and assistant principals through staff development
- DEI video has been annotated and will be shared with staff and community to view
- District DEI Steering Committee will be formed after school committees have developed DEI Committees
DISTRICT GOALS
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- Complete stakeholder meetings with administrators, teachers, parents, and community members to finalize the District Strategic Plan.
- Further advance a plan for diversity and multicultural appreciation in our school district in alignment with the New York State Board of Regents policy on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.
- Continue to enhance communication with all stakeholder groups so that they are accurately informed regarding the District’s school challenges and solutions and give stakeholders a chance to ask meaningful questions.
- Additional areas: Instruction, Exceptional Education & Student Services, Technology Services, Human Resources, & Non-Instructional Support Operations.
ATHLETICS AND MUSIC
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● Physical distancing at music events:
  ○ Family members are grouped in “pods” with 6-feet of physical distancing between “pods”
  ○ 2 members per student performing, depending on event and number of students performing

● Physical distancing at athletic events:
  ○ Home athletes are allowed 4 spectators with 6-feet of physical distancing
  ○ Away athletes are allowed 2 spectators with 6-feet of physical distancing
  ○ Students/general admission limited to a percentage according to the gym
NYSED GRADUATION MEASURES
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- NYSED sent a memo to school districts in November regarding a review of graduation requirements and requesting feedback from stakeholders state-wide.

- Our region’s meeting is scheduled for January 27th from 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
PROPOSED BUDGET &
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● Information regarding the 2022-2023 proposed budget and the Board of Education elections is available on the District’s website

● This will be updated throughout the budget vote and elections

● Budget vote and school board elections are May 17, 2022
2022–2023 Budget Information

The annual budget vote and Board of Education elections will take place on Tuesday, May 17, 2022. Information presented regarding the 2022-2023 budget and the BOE elections will be updated on this page when it becomes available. Be sure to also review BoardDocs to view any agenda items and presentations.

Budget Presentations:

- December 8, 2021 - Long Range Budget Planning Report
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