

BOND COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2

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Dear BCCU2 families

Happy Friday! We started our K-2 grade students to 4 days week of in-person instruction this week. It was great to see our students together. We will be looking at October 23rd as a decision making date to determine if 3rd-8th grade students will transition from the A/B hybrid to 4 days a week in-person. Regardless, the daily schedule will remain the same as it allows us to stagger lunch and transportation times, thus promoting social distancing. I want to be clear. There is no clear decision making matrix for when students can return to in-person learning. We use local and regional data from the IDPH website <https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19> in conjunction with the Bond County Health Department, a local COVID working group, and what is happening with our staff and students, related to the COVID-19. We must also still adhere to guidance from IDPH and ISBE that limits students to 50 or less on buses and in congregate areas. This is one of the reasons we are holding off on bringing back high school students and remain committed to a phased approach. We want to be able to see how local metrics are before we commit to bringing all students back. We want to make sure we are doing everything we can, to keep staff and students safe. When we transition students from Hybrid A/B model to 4 days a week in-person, we cannot guarantee social distancing but can only guarantee we will distance to the greatest extent possible. Our cleaning and other mitigation strategies will continue. I want to thank our custodial and maintenance staff, including our retired staff who have come back to help part time, for their hard work and commitment to keeping our facilities clean. They are an integral part of making this work safely and have done a phenomenal job, especially over the last several weeks.

Last week, Region 4 was off the IDPH mitigation list. Unfortunately, we have seen some increases in positive staff cases in our district. One resulted in an early childhood classroom going all remote. We work closely with the Bond County Health Department to notify any potential "close contacts". If your child is determined to be at-risk a staff member from the health department or our district nurses will contact you directly by phone.

BCCU #2 COVID Dashboard as of 10/16/2020

	SES	PES	GES	GJHS	BCCU2 HS	KRP	DISTRICT TOTALS
Total number of Students	109	156	483	275	547	115	1685
Number of In-Person Learners	96	122	378	207	431	104	1338
Number of Online Learners	13	34	105	68	116	11	347
Total Number of Staff	29	31	64	31	59	42	256

Wes Olson, Superintendent

Dena Petrolina, Business Manager

Emily Laesch, Supt./Board Secretary

Heather McCleary, Transportation/Unit

Jennifer Mitchell, Payroll & Benefits/Unit

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BCCU #2 District Totals as of 10/16/2020

Number of Staff currently quarantined	14
Total number of Staff quarantined since 8/1/2020	93
Number of Students currently quarantined	56
Total number of Students quarantined since 8/1/2020	384
Number of known positive Staff cases since 8/1/2020	20
Number of known positive Student cases since 8/1/2020	25

Please do your part in keeping our community safe. Our students' safety, education, and overall well-being are our highest priority. Again I want to remind everyone that by strictly adhering to public health guidelines such as wearing a mask, proper hand hygiene, avoiding crowds and staying home if you feel ill, we can continue expanding in-person instructional opportunities for our students.

Sincerely,



Wes Olson, Superintendent of Schools