

BOND COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2

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Dear BCCU2 families,

And just like that, we are into October. I hope everyone's school year is off to a great start! I want to share some challenges we are currently facing with our food service program. We have partnered with Opa to help manage our food service program and provide nutritious meals for our students. Overall, the feedback we have received has been positive but there have been some challenges. Long lines - one reason for long lines is that the number of students eating in the cafeteria has nearly tripled! As a result, processes that used to take a few minutes take longer. Also, we have added more food service employees to address the increased numbers. Increased participation is a good problem to have!

We are experiencing difficulties getting product from vendors due to supply chain issues and widespread driver shortages. In recent weeks, we have had to adjust the menu and at times, students may have not received the main dish and have to have an alternative item. I wanted to share these challenges with you to let you know we are aware and doing our best to find solutions and provide meals for all students who need them.

If you know anyone who is looking for employment, have them check our website. We have a number of non-certified, support personnel positions available on a full-time and part-time (sub) basis. We are always looking for sub teachers and classroom aides as well as food service, custodians, and bus drivers.

We continue to provide layered mitigation efforts to combat the spread of COVID-19 in our schools including: masking, hand hygiene, distancing to the greatest extent possible, our test to stay program, and cooperating with the local health department with contact tracing. Please remember to keep your children home if they are ill. Our updated COVID numbers are below:

BCCU #2 District COVID-19 Totals as of 10/1/2021

Number of Staff currently quarantined	4
Total number of Staff quarantined since 8/19/2021	13
Number of Students currently quarantined	20
Total number of Students quarantined since 8/19/2021	174
Number of known positive Staff cases since 8/19/2021	8
Number of known positive Student cases since 8/19/2021	56
Total number of Staff test to stay since 8/19/2021	0
Total number of Students test to stay since 8/19/2021	20

Also, thanks to everyone who participated in our thought exchange, a while back. Your input is valuable and helps us better serve you and your children.

Please feel free to reach out to my office, if I can help in any way!

Professionally,



Wes Olson, Superintendent of Schools