

Updates from the District Office

March 1, 2021

Dear BSCSD Parents and Caregivers –

In addition to the items that I sent in the [Updates on Friday](#), February 26, I wanted to share the follow information:

1. **Positive COVID-19 Cases** – Over the weekend and today we have been notified of the following:
 - a. *Middle School* – This weekend we were notified of a Middle School student testing positive for COVID-19 which will result in 13 Middle School students and 2 staff members in quarantine through 3/5. All students and staff have been notified.
 - b. *Girls Varsity Basketball team* – Mrs. D’Agostino, our COVID Coordinator, also completed the tracing for the girls basketball team positives and exposures. As a result, the girls varsity team (11 girls and 2 coaches) are in quarantine through midnight 3/2. This is the case for a number of other teams in the region as well.
 - c. *High School* – We were notified today of a high school teacher who has tested positive for COVID-19. Mrs. D’Agostino is conducting the contact tracing at this time and will notify those who are affected by this case.
 - d. *Milton Terrace* – We were notified today that a student at Milton Terrace Elementary tested positive for COVID-19 which required a classroom to be sent home today. The students, staff, and bus driver will be required to quarantine. Our thanks to all parents who made the student pick up a success. Please know that while mid-day dismissals are hardly preferable, they are sometimes required by the Department of Public Health Services to minimize potential spread of the virus.
2. **Inclement Weather Days** – Although it is March and the likelihood of major weather events tends to be largely behind us, we all know that the possibility still exists and often times it comes in the form of a heavy, wet snow that makes the regular morning commute a challenge only to then have the sun and warmer temperatures arrive mid-morning. In these instances a delay is usually the course we would take in which case we will follow the schedule as detailed in the [October 27 Updates](#) with one new exception:
 - ***Weather-related Delay*** – *on those mornings where we and our town highway departments need a bit more time to clear our campuses and our roads,*
 - *Students in grades 6-12 will be fully remote and will follow their regular schedule for the day and attendance will be taken.*
 - *Students in grades K-5 will be on a 1-hour delay for both remote and in-person learning and attendance will be taken. **The exception to this will be on our half-day Fridays where all K-12 students will be remote for the half day schedule.***

As a reminder, in the case of a full day closure I do not anticipate utilizing a remote learning day until such time as we have no snow days left.

Thanks very much.

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Superintendent of Schools