



Updates from the District Office

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Dear BSCSD Parents and Caregivers:

Thanks very much to you all for making our return to hybrid instruction a success this week! For those of you who might be following our COVID tracker (at <https://www.bscsd.org/Page/13242>), you will see that our numbers are dropping which is reflective of what is happening in the larger county. Specifically, for each of the last two days, the District has had only one positive case reported on each day and the daily positivity rate in Saratoga County today is 2.9%. The 7-day rolling average is 5.1%. By comparison, only 10 days ago on January 19, the daily rate was 8.8% and the 7-day average was 7.9%. This is very encouraging news for us. By staying vigilant as a community we can continue these trends which will allow us to keep our schools open and possibly begin to reintroduce additional student activities.

As some of you are aware, last week the Governor announced that high-risk winter sports may begin effective February 1 *if* the local county department of health *and* the Board of Education also approve of this initiative. This afternoon, Saratoga County joined a host of other neighboring counties in allowing for such sports to begin, but only under certain conditions.

To address this as a District, the Board of Education will be holding a special meeting on Monday night at which administration will present a recommendation for safely returning to high-risk sports and will discuss our moving a number of our club activities which are currently meeting virtually to in-person. With the Board's approval, our intention is to proceed cautiously into these student activities all the while working diligently to manage the virus and any negative impact on our ability to keep our schools open. I will follow up next week after the Board has made their decisions.

Should you have any questions on this please do not hesitate to let us know by sending an email to schoolopening@bscsd.org.

In the meantime, enjoy the weekend!

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