

WSD Safe Return Update

Woodbridge Board of Education June 20, 2022 Jonathan S. Budd, Ph.D., Superintendent

Key Data from the "Safe Return" Year

- <u>Learning Model</u>: Fully in-person for 100% of BRS students; Remote learning possible for quarantined students via negotiated agreement with WEA
- Confirmed COVID-19 cases in BRS community: ~372
- <u>Vaccination</u>: 99+% of staff, and 70+% of students
- Optional in-school weekly screening testing: 120+ students, and 25+ staff
- Free COVID rapid self-test kits via District office (courtesy of CT DPH/CSDE)
- Contact tracing reduced, then eliminated; Quarantine length shortened
- <u>Masking</u>: Moved from a requirement to a choice

Mitigation Strategies during the "Safe Return" Year

- Anticipated to Continue Permanently:
 - Enhanced air filtration & ventilation systems; Enhanced cleaning & disinfection; Enhanced use of handwashing / hand sanitizer; Increased attention to staying home if symptomatic/sick; Isolation at home if COVID-positive
- Released this year:
 - Cohorting at recess; Restriction on cafeteria usage; Restrictions on school visitors;
 Restrictions on field trips; 6-foot social distancing in classrooms; Use of desk shields
- Anticipated Release 2022-23:
 - Remaining restrictions on cafeteria usage; Remaining social distancing in classrooms;
 Remaining use of desk shields; Cohorting at dismissal

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Woodbridge Board of Education

FROM: Jonathan S. Budd, Ph.D., Superintendent

DATE: June 20, 2022

RE: June 20 Regular Meeting:

Superintendent's Report:

(1) Safe Return Plan and COVID-19 Guidelines

On September 20, 2021, the Board of Education voted to add a COVID-19 update as an agenda item on the monthly Regular Meetings of the Board. Given the success with which the District has returned students safely to full in-person education, and relaxed mitigation strategies as necessary, I recommend that the Board of Education support the following motion:

Move that we remove a COVID-19 update as an agenda item on the monthly Regular Meetings of the Board of Education.