## Superintendent's Update

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## FROM THE DESK OF MR. MOCCIO...

As we return back from the holiday vacation, I hope this update finds everyone healthy and warm during this latest round of colder weather. Please find this week's update below:

Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuous Learning Plan

In accordance with guidance regarding the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act, 2021 Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER), the District is required to periodically review and, as appropriate, revise the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and **Continuity of Services Plan** at least every six months through September 23, 2023. Over the last six-months there have been no significant changes to the plan. A link to the complete plan can be found by clicking here.

As you have likely seen or heard, throughout the state there has been an increase in the number of COVID-19 related cases. Last week, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) identified six Connecticut Counties—Hartford, Litchfield, Middlesex, New Haven, Tolland, and Windham Counties—in the High/Orange category as part of its weekly COVID-19 Community Levels update. Only Fairfield, and New London Counties are listed in the Medium/Yellow category. Please utilize the following link to view the indicator levels (CDC COVID-19 Level Indicator by County).

Because all eight Connecticut counties are either in the High or Medium categories, the Connecticut Department of Public Health recommends that all residents consider wearing a mask in public indoor spaces. This is a "recommendation" and staff, students, and parents are reminded that this is their personal choice. Anyone who wants to wear a mask may, especially in light of the high levels of illness, including COVID-19, the flu, and other common winter illnesses that circulate schools.

## WHAT'S COMING UP...

Monday, January 16, 2023

Martin Luther King Jr. Day No School

Monday January 23, 2023

Curriculum Committee Meeting Stafford Elementary School 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Monday, January 23, 2023

**Board of Education Meeting** Preliminary 23-24 Budget Presentation Stafford Elementary School 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Monday, February 6, 2023

Policy Committee Meeting Stafford Elementary School Office Conference Room 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

All Board of Education meeting agendas, back-up material, and minutes can be found on the "Upcoming Events" calendar of the district website.



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