



Happy Friday to all, Happy Easter and Happy Passover to those who celebrate those holidays!

A short, but always great, week in the Bellefonte Area School District this week! As promised, I'll be providing covid information weekly in a brief email on Fridays. According to the CDC, Centre County is designated as having a "low" community rate again this week. This email also includes important information and a reminder about a current **survey** that is being conducted by the BASD.

Covid Case Counts

Since last Friday (4/8), we have received notifications of 3 new covid cases (all students) in the district. The 3 new cases include a student from the High School and 2 students from Pleasant Gap Elementary (PGE). We received notification of these 3 cases last weekend and earlier this week.

As a reminder, the rules for contact tracing/quarantine were changed for schools by the PA Department of Education (PDE) and the PA Department of Health (PA DoH) a few weeks ago. We are still required to report new cases to the PDE/PA DoH, but we are no longer required to report the number of close contacts/quarantines.

****District Branding Survey**

The Bellefonte Area School District Board of Directors recently began working with John Jenson, a consultant who will oversee the process of helping our district define who we are. More information about Mr. Jenson is available on the Branding page of the District website. In addition, Mr. Jenson presented a lot of information to the Board of Directors at a regular meeting held on March 15, 2022. A CNET video link to that presentation can be found on the School Board page of the District website.

Briefly, in light of recent discussions throughout Bellefonte Area School District of the Red Raiders nickname and image, it may be the proper time to examine the identity of district schools. Getting our students ready for what happens after high school should

always be our primary focus. Our district is committed to exploring the culture and climate needed to give our students the best post-high-school opportunities. A survey has been created with six questions designed to understand community feelings and opinions pertaining to this topic. This is not a vote, but rather a survey to help lead to a better understanding of who we are as a school district and community. This Branding survey link can be found here:

<https://www.basd.net/Page/15667>. Please share this link and information with anyone and everyone who may have an interest in sharing their thoughts about making our mark throughout our schools and community. Thank you in advance for your participation!

As a reminder, students do not have school on Monday, April 18. Barring any breaking news, I'll send my next update on Friday next week. As always, thank you so very much for your continued support, patience and understanding! I hope you have a wonderful weekend!

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