



**Bellefonte Area
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Inspiring and Preparing Today's Learners to Embrace Tomorrow's Challenges

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Dear Bellefonte Area School District Families:

As the old saying goes...no news is good news. We are halfway through the first marking period, and we have been able to ward off the COVID-19 virus in our schools. As of this writing, there are still no known positive COVID-19 cases in our BASD schools.

This week's update for Centre County shows that the number of cases in the county continue to grow. Undoubtedly, Centre County will again be designated as having a "substantial community transmission rate" later today. But, for some good news, the number of new positive cases in our two main BASD zip codes dropped during this latest reporting period (Friday, Sept. 18 - Thursday, Sept. 24), as compared to previous weeks. There were a total of 4 new positive cases attributed to the 16823 (+3) and 16841 (+1) zip codes. As a reminder, these two zip codes also span two other school districts, so the actual cases may not have been in our communities. The data is not broken down by specific municipalities. Our next meeting with the PA Department of Education and the PA Department of Health will be held this morning, but we are not planning to move to full remote learning at this time. We will continue to closely monitor the data and our schools. Of course, changes can come rapidly and are sometimes out of our control. If any of this latest information changes or our status must change, we will let you know as soon as possible.

One reason we have been able to keep our schools open and our students and staff safe is due to the support we have received from students, staff, parents and families in following safe practices, such as wearing masks and social distancing. We encourage everyone in our school community to continue to follow the guidelines and practices that can help lessen the spread of

the virus. Working together is essential, and we are so proud of what we have done together.
Thank you!

Sincerely,
Tammie Burnaford
Interim Superintendent
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