



Good morning!

I usually write a draft of my Monday letters on Sunday night, make any corrections or additions early Monday morning, and then set the email to send between 8:00 and 9:00 Monday morning each week. Last night I checked with our principals because I hadn't received any notifications of new, COVID cases anywhere in the district over the weekend. As the case numbers have been climbing, it seemed unlikely to me that we would have 0 new cases over the weekend. But, as I write this email this morning, that is exactly what we have had over the weekend, NO notifications or confirmation of any new cases in any school in the district over the weekend. Let's hope we've reached our spike, and let's hope we can start to see a downward trend in our local zip codes and in our schools.

This is also a reminder that we need to be vigilant in curbing the spread of covid19. We continue to encourage parents to keep their children home from school when they are having any symptoms and when they may have been exposed to a positive case. Parents are giving us notification as soon as possible, and that has helped tremendously, too. Masking in school has lessened the exposure and reduced the number of quarantines this year, as well. Thank you so very much for your continued support, patience and understanding. I hope you have a marvelous Monday!

Sincerely,
Tammie Burnaford
Superintendent, Bellefonte Area SD