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Good afternoon,

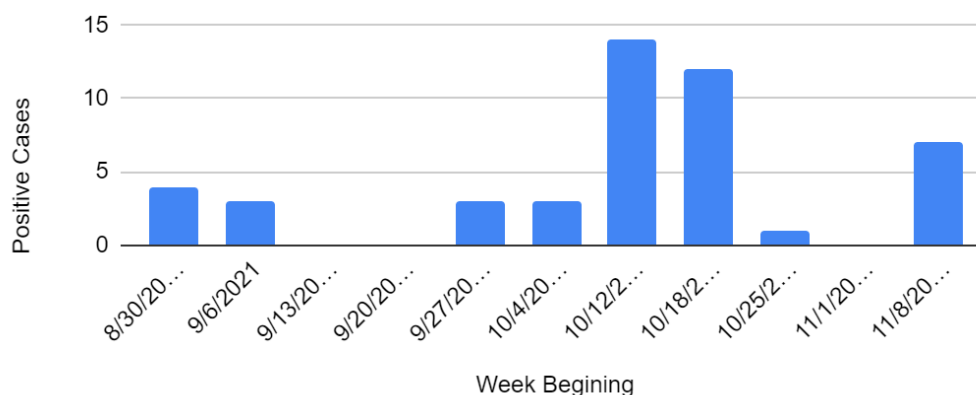
I hope that you are well and enjoying the fall weather. Today is a little on the windy and rainy side, but the weather has been beautiful this fall!

I wanted to provide you with a few updates. **COVID Vaccinations and Boosters:** I have heard from the local department of health, NDDH, that traveling from school to school to offer this service is not in the plans at this time. I encourage you to find locations that are offering these vaccinations and scheduling your appointments if that is right for you and your family. I would recommend searching at your local pharmacy, through your primary care physician or through [NDDH](#) for sites and times you and your children can be vaccinated.

In an earlier communication I shared that Brooklyn is opting into the [“Screen and Stay”](#) option to increase the option to keep more students in school and screening for symptoms if they are not fully vaccinated and have been exposed to a positive case. We would ask that you complete the screen each time there is a new exposure and that you carefully monitor your child for symptoms. Please note that this does not apply in all situations and students who are in the 14 day “screen and stay phase” will not be permitted to actively participate in music (singing), band (wind instruments), physical education/sports/extra curricular activities.

At this time, we have had 47 positive cases in our schools since the start of the school year.

BPS Positive Cases Each Week



This year the Town of Brooklyn has 47 cases from 10/17/21-11/06/21(3 weeks)

Last year the Town of Brooklyn had 39 cases from 10/18/20-11/07/20 (3 weeks)

While the number of deaths and serious illnesses is declining, there continue to be many cases of COVID in our area and we have recently lost a resident, and parent to a student. We continue to take the mitigation measures seriously.

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Next week we will have parent conferences and there is an early dismissal on Thursday, November 18th. Conferences will be either remote or in person. Please do not come into the building if you have COVID symptoms, and if you do come to the conference in person please remember to wear a mask and maintain distance. On November 24th there will also be a half day before the Thanksgiving break! I have been asked about travel guidance and the Brooklyn Schools will continue to ask families to follow the [CDC Travel Guidelines](#).

I would like to thank all of our staff and students who have been working so hard to keep school as “normal” as possible this year! Yesterday we learned about Veterans Day and found ways to **thank the many veterans in our community! Please accept my appreciation if you served our country in the military or by supporting a loved one who was in the military! I am grateful to all who have and continue to serve this country.** Feel free to visit the [Brooklyn Public Schools, CT Facebook page](#) to see photos of our eighth graders who served lunches, cards and cheered on our military yesterday!

Have a wonderful weekend! I wish you and your families a happy, healthy and safe Thanksgiving season! This year the Red Cross Kettle Ringing will occur at Walmart on Saturdays and Sundays. Funds raised will remain in the towns of Brooklyn and Killingly. You will see staff and maybe students ringing beginning on 11/27!

Sincerely,
Patricia L. Buell
Superintendent