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## Dear Brentwood Community,

The number of positive COVID-19 cases continue to trend downward in the District. This week's total, including today is twenty-three. Ten staff members and thirteen students tested positive. We tested 168 athletes this past Monday with zero positive cases. We continue to follow the department of Health's guidelines regarding quarantining, which is why at any given time there may be several classes including staff out on quarantine. I am certain that because of our strict adherence to the guidelines along with the incredible cooperation by students, staff and families, we have been able to keep the numbers low despite our size.

I am thrilled many of our staff members continue to get vaccinated and I will follow this letter with another letter detailing several ways you and your families can receive the vaccination. The district will be offering the rapid test to students and staff members beginning next week. Once a week, we will be going to two schools to offer the test to anyone who would like to take the test. I would recommend to anyone who is planning on traveling and needs a test prior to leaving stop by the schools and get tested. Next week we will be giving the tests on Thursday and we will announce the times and schools on Monday.

New York State has revised the Standardized tests being administered this year. There are four Regents Exams: Algebra, Living Environment, Earth Science, and ELA. All other Regents Exams will not be administered. Grades 3 – 8 will be given a modified exam in ELA and Mathematics. We will only be giving Session 1 to students and we will not be administering Session 2 to students. Having both Hybrid and Remote students present several scheduling, grading and administering issues which the district is currently working to resolve. Expect a more complete description of the how, when and where we will be administering the exams in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

Richard Loeschner
Superintendent of Schools