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Dear Brentwood Community,

We have just completed COVID-19 testing in every school building in the district and I want to thank everyone who had a hand in assisting in making this monumental task go smoothly and with little interruption to the school day. A big thanks to our "COVID testing team" who did a remarkable job planning and then testing almost 1600 students and staff members in 8 school days. Their kindness and gentleness were appreciated by both staff and students. Below are the results of the test in each school building. Overall, we tested 1558 people and had 7 positive results giving the district an overall .45% positivity rate which is far below the current local and state positivity rate.

WMS – Total Staff & Students - 74	NMS – Total Staff & Students – 106 (1-positive student)
Loretta Park - Total Staff & Students – 41	Twin Pines - Total Staff & Students – 95
Pine Park - Total Staff & Students – 61	BHS – Total Staff & Students - 347 (1- positive student)
Hemlock Park - Total Staff & Students – 40 (1- positive student)	
Freshman Ctr - Total Staff & Students – 92 (1-positive student)	
SMS - Total Staff & Students – 56	Oak Park - Total Staff & Students – 82
Laurel Park - Total Staff & Students – 73	Southwest - Total Staff & Students – 83
Northeast – Total Staff & Students – 80 (1-positive staff)	
North Elem – Total Staff & Students – 103 (1-positive staff, 1 positive student)	
East Elem – Total Staff & Students – 49	East Middle – Total Staff & Students - 106
Southeast - Total Staff & Students – 70	<b>TOTAL - 1558</b>

The district is still experiencing positive results in students and staff but thankfully that number is decreasing, and the number of quarantined students and staff members is also decreasing. There are however some buildings and departments that experience positive results in waves which is a reminder that we must still take all the recommended precautions. Even though more of us are getting vaccinated we must still wear our masks, frequently wash our hands, social distance and stay home if you have any of the symptoms.

We recently have seen the return of JV and Varsity Girls and Boys Basketball, Wrestling and Cheerleading and although we are not permitted to have spectators many of the games will be live streamed. "Fall Sports" will start in the beginning of March and we hope to see many of our High School athletes participating.

Even though next week promises more snow and frigid weather I encourage kids to put on their warmest clothes and get out in the fresh air and shovel a driveway, throw a snowball or build a snowman but above all turn off the computer, get outside and have fun. We must remember while we are doing our darndest to keep kids focused on the material we are teaching their brains are also absorbing an incredible amount of information related to this pandemic. Today's kids are not only learning traditional material, but they are also dealing with things that previous generations never had to deal with. Masks, socially distancing, sickness, death, social and political unrest and discord, riots, vaccinations and new virus strains are all things we attempt to shield kids from but unfortunately, they are exposed to these things daily. We teachers and parents spend a great deal of time worrying about where kids "should be" but I posit they are learning and experiencing far more than previous generations!

Stay safe.

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