

# BRYAN

City Schools

## SUPERINTENDENT NEWSLETTER

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WE ARE #BRYANBUILT



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Happy 2021!!

The best is yet to come! We look forward to being back with our students as we have turned the corner into the new year. Like everyone, we are hopeful that 2021 brings more normalcy as we trek through the remainder of our school year.

Each start of a new year allows us to put a focus on goals. BCS is no different. Simply put, we will continue to strive to provide our students the best opportunities for success, to help them reach their highest potential, and to support them on their journey. With these daily goals we aim to accomplish 3 basic fundamentals: Be Our Best, Serve, and Engage with our Community. We firmly believe that keeping our ideals aligned with the continuous goal of providing the best opportunities for our students will only lead to SUCCESS.

WE look forward to the many great things that are yet to come!

As noted earlier, we are very happy to return to our 2nd half of the school year with in-person learning. This remains our goal each day, but as always we will monitor any situation that COVID could present in our district, community, county, and beyond.

Part of that monitoring now includes following the roll-out of the vaccination. With that said, please see the information regarding the latest information on the vaccination. As we learn more from our local health department information will be heavily communicated.

Thank you for doing your part to allow our students to reach their goals. Keep up the great work and let's make 2021 the best it can be!!

Let's remain #BryanBuilt!!!!!!

### VACCINATION UPDATES

Governor DeWine and the Ohio Department of Health have the goal to begin vaccinating "Phase 1B" persons in order to help get students across the state back to, or remain with, in-person learning by March 1. Specifically, the Ohio Department of Health has stated the following:

*"This [vaccination] phase will specifically include:*

- *Adults/employees in all schools that want to go back, or to remain, educating in person.*
- *Younger people with severe congenital, developmental, or early-onset medical disorders that make them particularly vulnerable.*
- *Ohioans age 65 and up.*

*The vaccine distribution plan for future priority populations are still under development and will be shared publicly as soon as they are finalized. As more information becomes available on who can receive the vaccine, and when they can receive the vaccine, we will communicate this information publicly through the news media and share information at [coronavirus.ohio.gov/vaccine](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/vaccine)."*

As BCS learns more we will work with the Williams County Health Department and communicate important information.

### IMPORTANT DISTRICT DATES

**January 18** - No School - MLK Day

**January 19** - No School for Students - Staff Inservice

**February 12** - No School for Students - Staff Inservice

**February 15** - No School - Presidents' Day

**March 12** - No School for Students - Teacher Inservice

**March 15-19** - Spring Break

**April 2** - No School - Good Friday

**April 5** - No School for Students - Teacher Inservice

**NO MORE CLASSROOM CLOSE CONTACT QUARANTINES**

On December 30, 2020 Governor DeWine announced that preliminary results from Ohio Schools COVID-19 Evaluation Team found if students in class are masked/distanced, they did not have an increased risk of catching the virus from a nearby positive student.

We here at BCS, in NW Ohio, and across the state have gathered this same data. I even had the opportunity to present this data to Governor DeWine and his staff back in November.

Therefore, the following change has been made to the close contact and quarantine protocols at schools:

**Governor DeWine and the Ohio Department of Health are no longer recommending that students or staff who have been exposed to another COVID+ student or staff member in school need to quarantine - as long as all students/staff have been wearing masks and the exposure took place in a classroom/school setting. This change does NOT apply to after-school activities, including sports.**

**Bryan City Schools will immediately adhere to these changes in the quarantine processes as we follow the guidelines set forth by the Ohio Department of Health. We are very pleased to see school data allow for an optimistic change in our schools. THANK YOU to our students and staff for continuing to adhere to guidelines that have helped lead to this change!**

**FINANCIAL CORNER**

The holidays proved to be busy in the world of finance. The federal stimulus package is projected to provide another round of funding relief to schools, however the exact amount that BCS may receive is unknown at this time. The states will be sorting through an estimated \$54.3 billion listed in the federal stimulus package. Early projections show this being 4x larger than the CARES funds delivered in March. BCS will closely monitor any potential relief funds as we continue to navigate through projected deficit spending scenarios.

**2021-2022 DISTRICT CALENDAR**

During the spring of 2020 Bryan City Schools adopted calendars for the 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023 school years. As we have turned the page into 2021 please be sure to review the upcoming school year calendars. The calendars are available to view by clicking the appropriate year:

[2020-2021 School Year Calendar\(Current School Year\)](#)

[2021-2022 School Year Calendar](#)

[2022-2023 School Year Calendar](#)

**COVID-19 DATA**

COVID continues to be heavily monitored by Bryan City Schools. Continuing with in-person learning and giving our students the opportunity to participate in our extra-curricular activities remains the focus each and every day. We will continue to send district wide COVID updates when applicable and we encourage you to do your part in the community to help keep our students and community safe. Check out this [VIDEO](#) our students made to help remind us to practice safety!

\*\*Click [HERE](#) to view BCS COVID data.

\*\*Click [HERE](#) to reference County COVID data and relevant information.

