

Lunch with Tom

January 20, 2021



Why Lunch with Tom?

Purpose:

- Engagement with BSD community - staff, parents, members of the public invested in our success.
- Communication of District updates.
- Opportunity for open conversation about BSD-wide issues with community members. (Please reach out directly to discuss specific student or staff questions.)
- Build relationships and community.

Agenda:

- Updates (15 minutes)
- Conversation (45 minutes)



DRIVING THE WORK: 2020/21 Strategic Goals leading up to a Five-Year Strategic Plan

Burlington School District 2020/2021 Strategic Goals

Goal 1	Our schools are restorative and equitable communities .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools suspend African American students, students with disabilities, and students who qualify for FRL less frequently. Staff report increased use of restorative practices.
Goal 2	Students are at grade level in reading and math by the end of third grade .	% proficient improves for students who qualify for FRL.
Goal 3	Students are at grade level in math by the end of 8th grade .	% proficient improves for students who qualify for FRL.
Goal 4	Students graduate from high school having successfully completed Algebra II .	We will increase the % of students who complete Algebra II.
Goal 5	AP, Honors, and dual enrollment completion and successes reflect the demographics of the high school .	We will increase the % of students of color who take AP, Honors, and dual enrollment courses.
Goal 6	Faculty and staff are a mirror of our student population . They are highly skilled and set high expectations for all students.	Increase the % of our teaching faculty who are teachers of color.

Budget Update - Town Meeting Day is March 2

Unanimously Passed by Board Jan. 19

- No layoffs
- Only \$220,000 in additions
 - multilingual support and strategic plan
- \$6 million surplus
- Projected Increase in Equalized pupil spending held to 0.89%



**Result: 6.88% tax increase for those paying on value of \$250,000 home;
6.47% increase for those paying based on income**

BHS Updates - Downtown and Institute Rd. Campus

BHS Leadership Transition

- Lauren McBride Acting Principal
 - Gayle Botelho named Acting AP
- Interim Principal position posted internally
- National search for permanent principal follows interim appointment

Downtown BHS

- Construction continues and is on track
- Creating schedules for students now based on hybrid model and 4-day for students learning English and/or with an IEP

Town Halls Coming Soon

- What are you excited about?
- What questions do you need addressed?



Covid Update

Schools are safe

- Dept of Health key partner, we are following the science
- No school spread post-break
- Working on beta-version of a dashboard for communication
- Cases represent both children and adults

Do your part

- Follow VT guidelines
- Wear a mask
- Practice physical distancing
- Avoid gatherings

# of cases since last update: 12/29/20	12
# of cases since return from break	12
# of locations since break	8
Total cases (first case reported 12/10/20)	38
Total # of locations	11
Surveillance Testing Participation	
Round One 11/20/20	363
Round Two 1/6/21	235

Thank You and Conversation



Cultivating caring, creative, and courageous people. Join the journey!