

Lunch with Tom

February 3, 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.

BHS Updates - Welcome Principal McBride and Assistant Principal Botelho

BHS Leadership Transition

- Board Approved Lauren McBride to serve as Interim Principal; Gayle Botelho to serve as Interim Assistant Principal
- Will serve in roles until next school year
- National search for next permanent principal will begin soon
 - Will include public input opportunities



Downtown BHS Town Halls

Friday, February 5 at Noon

Wednesday, February 17 at 6:30 PM

<https://tinyurl.com/DtBHS5>

Budget Update - Town Meeting Day is March 2

Unanimously Passed by Board Jan. 19

- Operational savings and Facilities costs
- Hearing that the Ed Fund is in a better place than originally
- Equalized pupil is down

Result:

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



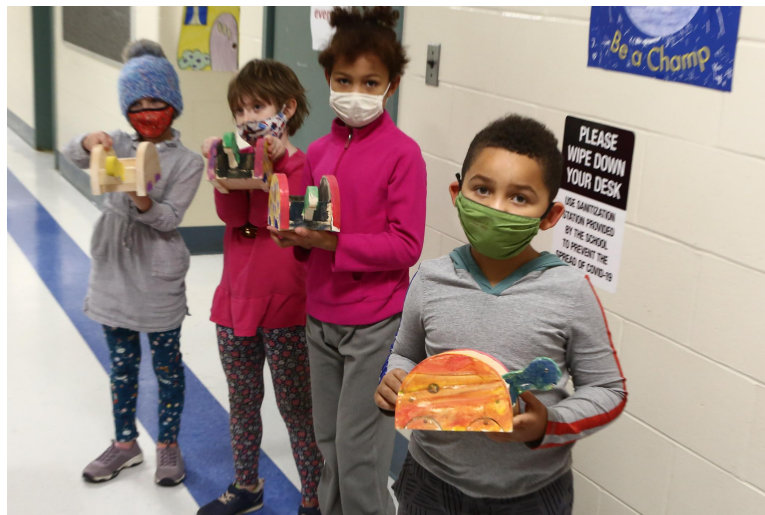
Planning for More In-person and Recovery

Governor Indicating More In-person Learning in April

- Watching COVID numbers
- Looking at our staffing levels

Recovering Planning

- Beginning our plan now
- State will require plan in March
- Districts across the region are working together



Covid Update

Schools continue to be safe

- Dept of Health key partner, we are following the science
- No school spread post-break
- Cases represent both children and adults
- 1 Case came off; false positive at BHS
- Next round of testing: 2/4/21

The community is working well together

- Masking
- Physical distancing
- Staying home when sick
- Staying patient and communicating

# of cases since last "Lunch with Tom": 1/20/21	4
# of cases since return from break	16
# 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

Strategic Plan -Update and General Timeline

Happening Now to Inform Plan

- **Equity Review** - Will have some info by April; MAEC and UVM involved.
- **Special Education Review** - Receiving some feedback now.
- **Literacy Review** - 4 phases. 1-3 complete by June and will have a preliminary recommendations.

Strategic Plan Goal

- Beginning development process now
- Community Engagement
- Finalize August/September

Discussion Question

How would you like to see the district engage the community in this Process? *5 minutes to discuss*



Thank You and Conversation



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