

Q & A – COVID Information Meeting – January 8, 2021

Is the District tracking all direct spending related to COVID. (e.g. the \$4,000 in weekly cleaning...testing materials if we hit 9%). It's my understanding that state agencies may be reimbursed for these direct costs....at some unknown time....by the state.

The district is tracking the \$4000/month that we are spending on cleaning supplies. We are working with FEMA to put in a claim for COVID expenses that were used from March 18 through September 14th. After that time period, FEMA will not cover.

To date, we have not been able to receive any reimbursement. Perhaps in the future.

Why are you bringing back grades that are not mandated by the state?

We are starting with our smallest cohort to make sure that we can do it safely. Also, 4, 5 and 6 year olds struggle a bit more with the virtual instruction. These are the formative and foundational years for those students. First grade is a mandated grade. We have the space to do this in the Guilford building whereas in Greenlawn and the Jr-Sr HS we don't at this time.

Would Guilford students be with their current classroom teacher 4 days/week, or 2 days with their current teacher and 2 days with a different teacher?

They will be with the same teacher for the 4 days each week.

For the group A exposed classes, is the exposed teacher still teaching group b students on campus?

The department of health said after contact tracing, there is no danger or risk of exposure to students having the teacher continue in the classroom.

Will buses be able to accommodate the extra students?

We are thinking yes at this point. Also some parents are willing to self-transport.

Is it possible for a BOCES student to ride the bus on his virtual days so that we do not have to arrange for transportation ourselves? Is there room on the morning bus?

We are still working on this as the snow days held us back. We hope to have this all in place for next week.

Can someone please organize a safer and organized way to pick up the children from Greenlawn Circle....someone is going to get hurt if there is no organization of pick up.

I will share your concern with the Greenlawn principal and we will discuss.

Just a thought, but even though we want to maintain the cohesiveness of being a complete BG district, would it possibly be more beneficial right now to have K-6 in both Bainbridge and Guilford buildings to cut down on bussing and transportation and would that make it possible to bring back more students?

In order to adhere to the social distancing requirement of 6 feet, we don't feel we had enough space in the cafeteria, in the classrooms and on the buses.

If 4th grade students (or other grades) are required to take state exams this year why are non-mandated grades more important than that?

No grade is more important than the other. We are simply trying to make sure we can bring students back safely with our smallest cohort first. We understand COVID has created less than ideal situations for all students, staff, parents and admin.