

PUBLIC SCHOOLS of
BROOKLINE

Superintendent Report

January 6, 2022



Agenda



- Spotlight on Excellence
 - School Closure on Monday, January 3 (a timeline)
 - Community Engagement
 - District Themes in Action
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Spotlight on Excellence

*Baker Student Initiative for
Menstrual Products &
BHS Boys Varsity Soccer Team*



Timeline of Events: 12/29 - 1/3

December 30th

- PSB facilities staff distributed KN95 masks to all PSB locations (10 masks per staff)

January 1st

- PSB facilities staff picked up DESE and BHD test kits

January 2nd - PM

- School leaders reported higher than typical absences; especially in specialized programs
- Building Leader and Senior Leadership team meeting to discuss status of staffing
- Message re: school closure sent to community via phone and email within 45 minutes of decision

December 29th

- DESE indicated COVID-19 rapid test kits would be made available for all district staff
- PSB received shipment of KN95 masks from DESE

December 31st

- Procurement delays in DESE delivery and # of test kits
- BHD filled DESE gaps; allowed for all district staff to receive 1 kit (two rapid tests)

January 2nd - AM

- Rapid tests distributed at two sites (Baker/BHS) from 10-2
- Staffed by school department volunteers
- Approximately 600 test kits given to staff

January 3rd

- School closed due to shortages in staff and substitutes

Timeline of Events: 1/3 - Present

January 3rd - AM

- School leaders continued to monitor absences
- Had to be strategic, planful, & collaborative to fill positions
- Decision to open schools on Tuesday, January 4 made

January 4th

- Schools open
- Student attendance: 87% present
- Staff attendance: 88% present
- Additional KN95 masks delivered to all schools (5 per staff member)

January 3rd - PM

- Message re: school opening sent via phone and email by 4:00PM
- District staff on standby for support at schools where needed

Ongoing

- School Health team looking into additional safety precautions
- School leaders continue to monitor attendance of staff and students
- District committed to remaining open for students and staff



Superintendent School Visits

Recently completed:

- In-depth visits continued at:
 - Lincoln (12/17)
 - Pierce (12/20)
 - BHS (12/21)
- On 12/20 and 12/21 I visited all schools before the winter break
- This week, I visited all schools to review operations

Upcoming:

- Driscoll (1/14)
- Baker (1/19)

Community Engagement

**12/17: BHS
Performing Arts
Winter Concert**



**12/23: PSB Holiday
Card**



**1/5: Zoom Meeting
with Parent
Leaders**



***Upcoming PTO-sponsored meetings with parents and guardians:
Baker School on 1/21 and Heath School on 2/8***

Elements of Our Theme in Action

Building Relationships

Collaborative Effort to Open Schools 1/4

Staff across the district made available to assist in filling positions at schools due to high number of staff absences. PSB staff took on secretarial, teacher, paraprofessional, and other roles within the district to ensure schools opened safely for students on Tuesday.

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Creating a Culture of Care

COVID-19 Mask and Kit Distribution

Volunteers from School Committee, Central Office, Principals, Nurses, Custodians, etc. helped distribute rapid test kits to all staff on Sunday, 1/2

The PSB facilities team distributed KN95 masks (and additional tests) to all schools

Eliminating Barriers

Placeholder

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