

WARE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Ware Learning Community,

Good day! Hope everyone is looking forward to the Columbus Day holiday this weekend! As we work to transition through what I'm hoping is the last phases (waves) of this pandemic, it appears this year will be a transactional one. Due to worker shortages we continue to seek hard to fill positions, such as school psychologists & special education teachers, along with finding substitute teachers to cover when teachers and paraprofessionals are out sick. This makes our situation that much more precarious educating during a public health crisis. To ensure we have the best chance possible of making it the entire year without any disruptions it is imperative that we all stay healthy in reaching our goal. Utilizing as many mitigating strategies as possible will help in the cause.

Last week we implemented the Safety Check Testing Program that identified two active cases within one building. This testing is exactly what is needed in catching any spread. The sooner positive cases can be identified the better. If you haven't already, please consider signing up your child/ren to take part in the testing program. This will help to keep us all stay healthy during this time. Click here for the link to sign-up.

For those individuals who still are not vaccinated and are considering this method of mitigation, the WOW (Wellness on Wheels) Bus will be at the Ware vs. Mahar football game on October 15th from 5:00-7:30 p.m. If you have any questions regarding vaccines, please feel free to stop by to discuss with a health care professional.

Stay well,

Dr. Marlene A. Díleo Superintendent

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