



WARE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Ware Families,

Happy New Year! With our return from the holiday break and the increase of the COVID-19 positivity rate climbing to 18.89% in Ware, the impact of this surge could cause disruption to the district in several different ways that I would like to make you aware of, which is the following:

- **Transportation** - On Monday, January 3, 2022 the District was informed that a few bus drivers were out sick. Due to the lack of substitutes a few drivers needed to double up routes, which causes a delay in getting students to school on time. If your child/ren will be impacted by such a situation in the future, you will receive a call from the District to inform you of such.
- **Food Service** - If several individuals are out sick, with a limited number of substitutes we can call in to help in our kitchens, it could cause daily menu changes without notice. Please consider this when planning your child/ren's breakfast & lunches for the week.
- **Teachers & Paraprofessionals** - Securing teacher and paraprofessional substitutes this year has been a challenge, and unfortunately remote learning is not an option per the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's requirements. To make sure our students can continue learning, on occasion we have used larger areas as learning spaces this year. We may need to utilize this strategy again during this surge if a school has several teacher/staff absences.

As a district we will do everything possible to educate during this public health crisis. I ask for your continued support in doing your part in monitoring your child/ren as to their health and well-being. When not feeling well please do not send your child/ren to school. The nursing staff has done a tremendous job in providing all testing and contact tracing along with providing care of all other medical needs of our students. To assure we do not overwhelm our nursing staff please stay diligent with this.

I know that many individuals are getting fatigued by the endless uncertainty that we live with daily. As we have in past surges, we will get through this one as well. We need to hang on as we move towards a place where we have secured all necessary strategies needed to coexist with this illness without disruption to our lives. My hope is that with this surge will come a downturn to this pandemic.

Stay well,

Dr. Marlene A. DiLeo
Superintendent

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