
Superintendent's Update

April 26, 2021



Celebration: from Glenbard West

For the 2020-2021 School Year-Hadley students outperformed all other sender school students on all SAT metrics, including the percentage of students who met the Math benchmark (68% vs 51%), ERW (82% vs 66%), both benchmarks (66% vs. 48%), and 1010 or Higher on SAT total (74% vs 57% all other public sender school students).
-Information taken from a report from GBW

*more information will be reviewed at a future date as is the typical process



Fully Open: What have we learned?

- The misalignment between the guideline of 3 feet social distancing and 6 feet as the definition of a Close Contact is significant. ***We are aggressively advocating for a change in the Close Contact definition as well as the length of quarantine. *As recently as of this afternoon, I verified with DCHD that their guidance is 14 days when using 3 feet.***
- While the IDPH and DCHD may use terms such as “guideline or recommendation” the reality is that public school districts do NOT get to ignore them. ***There are legal and insurance related liabilities for doing so. We cannot refuse to quarantine kids who meet the definition of Close Contact nor can we allow parents to opt out/waive it. That is not how the law works when it comes to public schools.***

Fully Open: What have we learned?

- The magnitude of increased saliva testing and monitoring of compliance is a tremendous task. ***As of today, we implemented a new process for student sample turn in. It is now being done as part of the morning (and PM PreK and K) attendance process. Teachers have a plastic drop box in the classroom where students drop their sample. They record it in Skyward as they do if a student forgot their lunch for the day. Samples are then scanned by the CNA. From there, the office has a process that they implement to manage the accountability and parent reminder piece.***

Fully Open: What have we learned?

Exclusion Data

Abe Lincoln	0	
Ben Franklin	0	
Churchill	9	
Forest Glen	15	
Hadley	16	Total 40

- Families received reminders that a sample had not yet been turned in
- Reminders were also translated into Spanish
- School offices, nurses and building administration also made personal calls to families

Fully Open: What have we learned? Moving forward

Exclusion Data

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Ben Franklin	0	
Churchill	9	
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Hadley	16	

- As of 4/23, Dr. Ulrich is working with our outreach and translation supports to translate the reminders/notifications into other languages based on the data

Planning for 2021-2022

- We anticipate that 3 feet will be the guideline for next year. ***That being said, we will be working with our new Director of Technology, Andrew Peterman to plan out some transition days prior to his July 1 start date.***
- Andrew comes to us with experience as an Assistant Director of Technology from Indian Prairie School District 204. ***We look forward to the opportunity to introduce Mr. Peterman to the Board and to the community.***
- One priority that we will enlist Andrew in is helping us determine our technology needs for supporting students on quarantine next year if quarantine is still a piece of what is required.
- ***I want to thank Mr. Harbauer and our entire Technology Department for stepping up and carrying us through the remainder of this year while we are without a Director of Technology.***

Planning for 2021-2022

- Full Remote Learning will be available next year but it will be based on meeting specific medical need criteria. We will be providing parents with information very soon. ***We anticipate that we will run our Full Remote Model as a stand alone program with its own devoted staff.***
- As mentioned, once we have our Director of Technology and Innovation with us, we will make improvements to our support for students on quarantine through the use of technology. ***More information to come.***
- We will continue to monitor the requirements for social distancing during lunch and develop a plan for next year.

Planning for 2021-2022

Discussion:

- ❑ As a point of clarification, districts have been notified that the cost of COVID testing, including saliva testing with SafeGuard, is eligible for reimbursement through the Federal ESSER grant.
- ❑ Can we define the conditions under which we could continue to implement saliva testing and Binax and the conditions were we would take action to discontinue COVID testing?
- ❑ What information would be needed to establish these conditions?
- ❑ Next Steps?

Planning for 2021-2022

Resurrecting the Strategic Plan Process

- ❑ I have been in contact with Dr. Van Clay from CEC. He is easing into retirement and will help identify another consultant from CEC who can step in and assist us
- ❑ We are tentatively looking at a virtual process this summer
- ❑ We will invite all former participants to rejoin the meetings including our students who are now at GBW
- ❑ It is my hope that we can start next year with a robust Strategic Plan in place