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MEMORANDUM

Date: November 2, 2020

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Superintendent Upham

RE: Billings Public Schools COVID-19 Tracking

Trustees:

I have been working with our administration and RiverStone Health to accurately compile and release information about positive COVID cases within our schools. There are several sets of public data available online providing COVID data: The Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Johns Hopkins University, the Montana Department of Health & Human Services (DPHHS), and RiverStone Health. DPHHS includes several tables that provide COVID data specifically about schools in Montana. The websites for each are listed at the end of this memorandum.

Although this data seems to be at our fingertips in “real time,” their reports use different time frames, making the reconciliation to match our data sets difficult. I appreciate the effort these agencies have made to keep information available to the public. However, after reviewing the data in great detail for several weeks now, I determined we needed a better way to be informed about the number of positive student and staff cases. Thus our administration provides my office with weekly reports of active case numbers, by school, and delineated by student and by staff, which includes our teachers and our support staff.

Attached is what I believe to be the most accurate data of active cases in Billings Public Schools during the specified time frames. For reporting purposes, an active case is a person who tested positive with COVID-19 and who was reported to the District by RiverStone Health, a parent or a guardian for students, and/or, in the case of an employee, by the employee. I have asked our building principals to track their students and staff specifically, so I am reasonably certain this data is accurate and current for the

time frames reported.

My objective is to provide our parents and community with accurate information in as timely a way as possible. I intend to report out this information weekly; that report will include data from the previous week, as well as a cumulative total. This information can be found on our district website at [2020-21 COVID-19 Updates](#) (also listed below).

As to the total number of students and staff who have been quarantined, we are completing the report and in the near future, plan to share and post the information with the active COVID-19 case data.

Finally, I want to again express my gratitude to our faculty, staff, and administrators for the care and compassion they have demonstrated last spring and this school year. Each of us, in our own way, is feeling the pressure and uncertainty of this pandemic. Educators and those who work in schools are special people. We remain committed to keeping our students and employees safe, while providing the education each of our students deserve.

https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#cases_casesinlast7days

<https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/us-map>

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/cdepi/diseases/coronavirusmt/demographics>

<https://riverstonehealth.org/>

<https://billingschoolsnews.org/>

Please be advised,

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Billings Public Schools COVID-19 Tracking

School	8/24/20 - 10/10/20		10/11/20-10/17/20		10/18/20-10/24/20		10/25/20-10/31/20		11/1/20-11/7/20		Total Cumulative Cases	
	New Cases		New Cases		New Cases		New Cases		New Cases		Students	Staff
	Students	Staff	Students	Staff	Students	Staff	Students	Staff	Students	Staff		
Alkali Creek	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1
Arrowhead	4	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	1
Beartooth	1	2	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	4	4
Bench	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	2
Big Sky	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	5	1
Bitterroot	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	2
Boulder	4	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	5	2
Broadwater	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	4	3
Burlington	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	5	1
Central Heights	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1
Eagle Cliffs	4	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	2	1	7	5
Highland	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	5
McKinley	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1
Meadowlark	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	1	0	5	1
Miles Avenue	6	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	8	2
Newman	1	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	7
Orchard	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	3	3
Poly Drive	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	2
Ponderosa	3	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	4	4
Rose Park	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	2
Sandstone	1	2	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	4	4
Washington	1	1	1	0	2	1	2	0	0	1	6	3
TOTAL ELEM	39	20	10	13	6	7	21	10	8	7	84	57
Ben Steele	4	5	0	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	9	5
Castle Rock	5	3	5	0	5	4	2	2	0	0	17	9
Lewis and Clark	6	1	3	0	2	0	4	1	4	1	19	3
Medicine Crow	2	2	4	0	2	0	2	1	2	0	12	3
Riverside	5	3	2	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	10	5
Will James	4	4	3	1	4	2	2	1	3	2	16	10
TOTAL MS	26	18	17	2	16	6	12	6	12	3	83	35
Senior	27	5	6	1	10	0	4	0	3	0	50	6
Skyview	29	7	5	1	7	1	2	2	8	1	51	12
West	24	1	4	1	12	3	7	3	1	0	48	8
Career Center	12	0	2	0	1	0	1	3	1	3	17	6
TOTAL HS	92	13	17	3	30	4	14	8	13	4	166	32
Rimrock	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Remote	0	3	2	0	4	3	1	1	2	0	9	7
District Totals	157	55	47	19	56	20	48	25	35	14	343	133

* An active case is a person who tested positive with COVID-19 and who was reported to the District by RiverStone Health, a parent, a guardian, and/or, in the case of an employee, by the employee.

Billings Public Schools COVID-19 Quarantine Tracking

School	9/24/20 - 10/10/20		10/11/20-10/17/20		10/18/20-10/24/20		10/25/20-10/31/20		11/1/20-11/7/20		Total Cumulative Quarantined from School	
	Total Quarantined from School		Total Quarantined from School		Total Quarantined from School		Total Quarantined from School		Total Quarantined from School		Students	Staff
	Students	Staff										
Alkali Creek	26	0	6	0	4	0	1	1	7	0	44	1
Arrowhead	28	0	4	0	2	0	3	0	5	0	42	0
Beartooth	10	1	3	0	9	0	5	0	11	0	38	1
Bench	9	1	7	0	6	1	0	4	15	1	37	7
Big Sky	30	0	8	0	6	0	19	0	2 [1]	0	65	0
Bitterroot	39	1	21	0	21	0	3	1	9	0	93	2
Boulder	26	0	7	3	11	1	17	3	8	1	69	8
Broadwater	17	5	0	0	0	0	2	0	32	0	51	5
Burlington	19	4	3	1	7	0	13	2	18	2	60	9
Central Heights	5	0	2	0	1	0	5	0	1	0	14	0
Eagle Cliffs	58	3	10	0	9	0	0	4	11	0	88	7
Highland	5	2	1	0	7	0	15	4	2	1	30	7
McKinley	13	0	1	0	5	0	6	1	6	2	31	3
Meadowlark	18	0	4	0	10	1	15	0	9	0	56	1
Miles Avenue	35	1	2	1	3	0	7	0	1	0	48	2
Newman	6	4	4	2	2	1	1	2	21	2	34	11
Orchard	12	0	0	0	11	3	6	0	4	0	33	3
Poly Drive	16	2	0	0	2	0	5	1	0	0	23	3
Ponderosa	26	6	5	0	10	1	6	1	19	2	66	10
Rose Park	5	0	9	4	2	1	7	1	15	1	38	7
Sandstone	29	4	38	1	9	2	5	1	6	0	87	8
Washington	37	3	4	0	10	1	0	2	7	3	58	9
TOTAL ELEM	469	37	139	12	147	12	141	28	209	15	1105	104
Ben Steele	50	8	0	0	8	0	31	3	24	0	113	11
Castle Rock	48	8	48	1	30	1	9	0	23	0	158	10
Lewis and Clark	59	1	12	0	54	1	31	4	45	5	201	11
Medicine Crow	39	0	39	1	17	1	20	0	13	0	128	2
Riverside	27	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	44	0
Will James	17	1	18	1	43	0	14	0	30	3	122	5
TOTAL MS	240	18	129	3	152	3	105	7	140	8	766	39
Senior	222	17	31	4	41	1	37	2	49	2	380	26
Skyview	165	3	22	0	64	1	36	10	36	2	323	16
West	234	16	76	0	38	10	114	9	23	3	485	38
Career Center	34	3	11	0	8	1	14	9	9	3	76	16
TOTAL HS	655	39	140	4	151	13	201	30	117	10	1264	96
Rimrock	0	0	7	2	7	2	1	0	1	1	16	5
Remote	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
District Totals	1364	94	415	21	457	30	448	65	467	34	3151	244

* The total number of students and staff who have been placed in quarantine as a close contact are not necessarily the result of close contact in the schools.