

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Simsbury Public Schools Staff:

I hope everyone enjoys the upcoming holiday weekend. As you are aware, COVID case data continues to trend in the right direction both locally and statewide. Our Simsbury High School parent survey will close at the end of today. Once we have tabulated the results, and conferred with the Farmington Valley Health District, a decision will be made regarding those students who would like to return to full in-person learning. We expect to be in position to announce a plan by the end of next week.

Tuesday evening I presented the Simsbury Public Schools 2021-22 budget to the Board of Education. During these incredibly challenging times for our students, staff, and families, our primary focus is to insure that we are in a position to service and support our students both academically and emotionally as we move forward into the 2021-22 school year. In order to do this, it is paramount that we rebuild our intervention and support structures in order to provide the needed services. Please visit the [BOE budget page](#) to view the 2021-22 budget documents. I will continue to keep you updated as we work through the process.

Additionally, the board adopted the Six Year Capital Improvement Plan. The first year of the plan includes district security improvements, replacement of the Simsbury High School bleachers and press box, and the renovation of Latimer Lane School.

We have updated our [COVID Dashboard](#) for the period of February 5 through February 11. The current dashboard includes 2 staff members and 1 student, 1 staff member and 1 student at Simsbury High School and 1 staff member at Latimer Lane School. The total of 3 cases this week is equal to the 3 positive cases reported last week.

We have updated the CT Learning Model Indicator chart on our website for the two week period ending February 6, 2021. The FVHD data for this reporting period is 22.7 cases per 100,000 in population, with 20.6 cases per 100,000 in Simsbury. Please take a moment to scroll down to the second tab [FVHD School Learning Model Indicators](#) on our Coronavirus Update webpage.

If there is a household member being tested for COVID and they are experiencing any symptom(s), all household members should remain home until the test results have been received. If there is a household member being tested for COVID and they are not experiencing any symptoms (i.e., quarantined for travel, deemed a close contact, medical procedure preparation) other household members may continue to come to school. Additionally, please contact your school nurse as soon as possible if your child receives a positive COVID test result. Thank you for your continued support of our protocols.

Regards,

Matt Curtis
Superintendent of Schools