

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Governor Lamont announced on Monday that Connecticut's school-based employees will become eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccination beginning on March 1, 2021. This is very exciting news for our employees and we are ready to go as a district to support them through this process.

On Tuesday evening, the BOE approved a 2.12% increase to the Simsbury Public Schools budget for 2021-22. The next step in the process will be the March 9th presentation of the budget and discussion with the Board of Finance. I will keep you informed along the way. Information on the budget process is available on our website.

We have updated our [COVID Dashboard](#) for the period of February 19 through February 25. The Simsbury school district has no new positive cases of COVID during this time period. I would like to share the positive trend we are seeing relative to positive cases per 100,000 in the Farmington Valley. The Simsbury data for the 2 weeks ending February 20 is 11.2 cases per 100,000 in population.

Cases per 100,000	Farmington Valley Health District
36.9	2 weeks ending January 16, 2021
28.1	2 weeks ending January 23, 2021
26	2 weeks ending January 30, 2021
22.8	2 weeks ending February 6, 2021
16.3	2 weeks ending February 13, 2021
12.3	2 weeks ending February 20, 2021

I am excited to welcome back our juniors and seniors to Simsbury High School on Tuesday. I am hopeful that trends continue in a positive direction, and appreciate your perseverance in supporting our protocols.

Regards,

Matt Curtis
Superintendent of Schools