

Dear Parents, Guardians and Simsbury School Staff:

Our educators will begin receiving their vaccinations tomorrow. The Farmington Valley Health District is offering first dose vaccination clinics for all Farmington Valley school-based employees every Saturday in March, followed up with second dose clinics in April. I am very grateful for the collaboration among our districts in bringing this to fruition in such a timely manner for our employees.

Next Tuesday, March 9, I will present the Board of Education budget to the Board of Finance. We received positive news relative to insurance, retirements and CARES Act grant funding which will reduce the amount of our budget increase from 2.12% to 1.85%. This past Tuesday I presented our 2022 capital projects to the Board of Selectmen during their capital workshop. These projects are listed below.

District Security Improvements	\$ 250,000
SHS Bleachers and Press Box	\$ 850,000
Latimer Lane Renovation Project	\$ 36,792,406

As always, information on the budget process is available on the BOE page of our website.

We have updated our [COVID Dashboard](#) for the period of February 26 through March 4. The current dashboard includes 3 students, 2 students at Squadron Line School and 1 student at Central School. The total of 3 cases this week is an increase from last week when we had no positive cases.

We have updated the CT Learning Model Indicator chart on our website for the two week period ending February 27, 2021. The FVHD data for this reporting period is 9.9 cases per 100,000 in population, with 10.3 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.

I am excited to welcome back our freshmen and sophomores 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