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Dear Families and Staff,

I received some additional information today that I wanted to share with you all. The month of January will likely to prove very challenging. My most pressing concern this evening is making sure we have enough staff to safely run our schools. I anticipate that we will have daily staffing issues that will require the best efforts from our Human Resource Department, leadership teams at each school, and the entire staff. The new quarantine rules will help us immensely in this area.

Bus Transportation

One issue that we are currently facing is with transportation. Unfortunately, we have a number of buses that cannot be staffed tomorrow. This is similar to the issues airlines are having resulting in canceled flights. Our Transportation Director, Dawn Perkins, has already reached out to all of the families affected by these staffing issues to explain the situation and the possible limited remedies. Given the nature of positive tests, it is possible that additional buses will not be staffed in the morning so please consider alternate modes of transportation. We ask that you remain as flexible as possible during this time given the constraints on our system.

Vaccine Clinics

I have continued to work with our vaccine provider, Griffin Health, to provide clinics (see below) for our students. As of December 30, 2021, 81.6% of our students aged 12-17 are fully vaccinated and 28% of our students aged 5-11 are fully vaccinated. The data also shows that over 44% of our students aged 5-11 are partially vaccinated. You can find town by town vaccination data [here](#).

Friday, January 7 5PM – 8PM Griffin Health, 10 Progress Drive, Shelton
Saturday, January 8 Noon – 4 PM Trumbull Mall (2nd Floor)
Sunday, January 9 11AM – 3 PM Trumbull Mall (2nd Floor)

Test Kits

The Trumbull Public Schools will be receiving COVID test kits tomorrow for student and staff use. I will work with the Trumbull Nursing Director regarding the process for distributing test kits to students (parents). I will be working with the Trumbull Public Schools Director of Human Resources to determine the process for distributing the test kits to staff. We anticipate that these test kits will be used for individuals with symptoms and potentially known COVID exposure. We will not receive enough kits to distribute to all students and staff.

Sincerely,

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