



Belmont Public Schools January Update

School Committee Meeting: January 12, 2021



Agenda

- Superintendent's Update on Testing and Vaccination
- Announcement: Formation of a "Return to In-Person Learning" Committee
- BPS Strategic Planning Timeline
- Elementary Advisory Group Presentation
- Middle School Advisory Group Presentation
- "Student Opportunity Act" DESE Submission
- School Committee 2020/21 Updated Goals

Testing and Vaccination Update

What has Belmont Done

- Belmont has access to the State/ DESE sponsored mobile testing unit
- Signed up for and are awaiting materials for the DESE sponsored BinaxNOW antigen testing. Nursing staff will begin the training once materials are received. *(This is not surveillance testing)*
- The Belmont Board of Health, Nursing Director and School Committee Chair have explored several testing models and have taken part in multi-district discussion on partnering on testing.
- [School Nurses will be vaccinated with Belmont's First Responders this week as part of Phase 1 of the Governor's plan.](#)

What is Belmont Exploring

- The district will apply for the Governor's "pool testing" initiative.
- We attended the DESE conference call on the pool testing initiative today (1/12/21).
- Will continue to explore other options such as the Mirimus surveillance testing on our own or in collaboration with the multi-district group.
- [Working with the BOH to support the phased vaccination plan set forth by the state that currently includes teachers in Phase 2.](#)



Belmont Public Schools Planning and Moving Forward

- As outlined by the district in December the school department and School Committee will be forming a [“Return to In-Person Learning Committee.”](#)
- This group will explore the challenges and opportunities for more in-person learning this spring and in the fall.
- The make-up of this committee will be determined over the next week.

Strategic Planning

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TASKS

NOV

DEC

JAN

FEB

BHS HYBRID TASK FORCE

BHS Implementation

ELEMENTARY & CHENERY Implementation
and FOCUS GROUPS

**Establish a Return to In-Person Learning
Committee**

FY22 STRATEGIC BUDGETING (CONTINGENT
& NON-CONTINGENT BUDGETS)

FY22 INSTRUCTIONAL MODELS PLANNING





BHS, CMS, Elementary Hybrid Advisory Work

District Implementation

District Hybrid Upgrades

