

February 18, 2021

Dear School Community Members,

I hope that this letter finds you and your family well and enjoying the winter recess. We have been working throughout the week on a variety of projects and we have been planning for the return of more students to 5 day in-person learning.

On Monday, the District opened sealed bids from construction companies competing for contracts to build our tennis courts, turf field and stadium. The bids came in under budget and construction will begin this spring. While we opened bids, work continued on the DHS auditorium renovation and crews were finishing up the new elementary music classrooms. We continue to make great progress on our capital improvements and our renovated facilities will serve Dansville students and families for decades to come.

On the pandemic front, I'm encouraged to report that 14437 area positives were at just 9 today. Within the District, numbers remain low and stable. However, a child at Dansville Primary School tested positive during the break. LCDOH identified 3 additional children who needed to be quarantined and they are reflected in the table below.

Despite how well we are doing in Dansville right now, an increase in positives can derail our plans to return more and more students to full time in-person learning. Illness remains a very real concern and symptoms must be taken very seriously. We cannot discount symptoms as a cold or a stomach bug or just a headache. Children with symptoms must remain home from school and it's always wise to consult with your child's doctor.

Quarantines and positives. The most recent data are provided in the table below.

2/17/21	DPS	EBH ES	DHS	District	ASAP
Quarantined Students	6	2	4	NA	0
Quarantined Employees	0	0	0	0	0
COVID-19 Positive Students	1	0	0	NA	0
COVID-19 Positive Employees	0	0	0	0	0



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It's great to see our student-athletes back in the gymnasium. You can see their pride and optimism as they return to their teammates and join in familiar activities that they are passionate about. We'll see more of that in other students as they return to school five days/week. Getting back to normal has to be our highest priority right now. To get back to normal we have to stay safe and protect these fragile opportunities. You can feel the difference that a vibrant school community makes in the lives of our students.

I'll wager that school will never be taken for granted by this generation. I firmly believe that our kids' generation will be stronger for the pandemic experience, like the Greatest Generation was stronger from the Great Depression and WWII. It's our responsibility to nurture their growth, their strength and their potential greatness as we grind our way out of this, together.

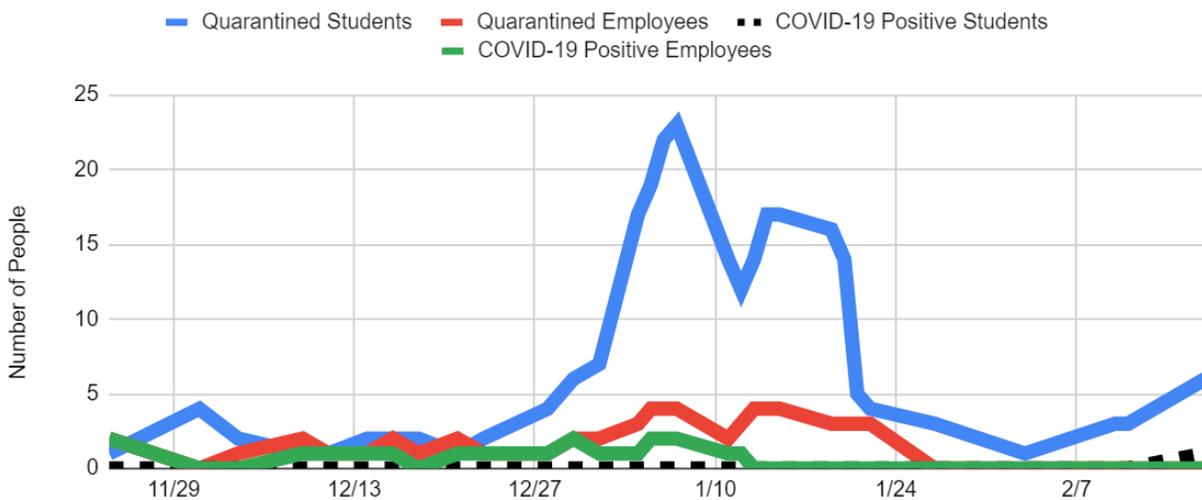
Sincerely,

Dr. Paul J. Alioto
Superintendent

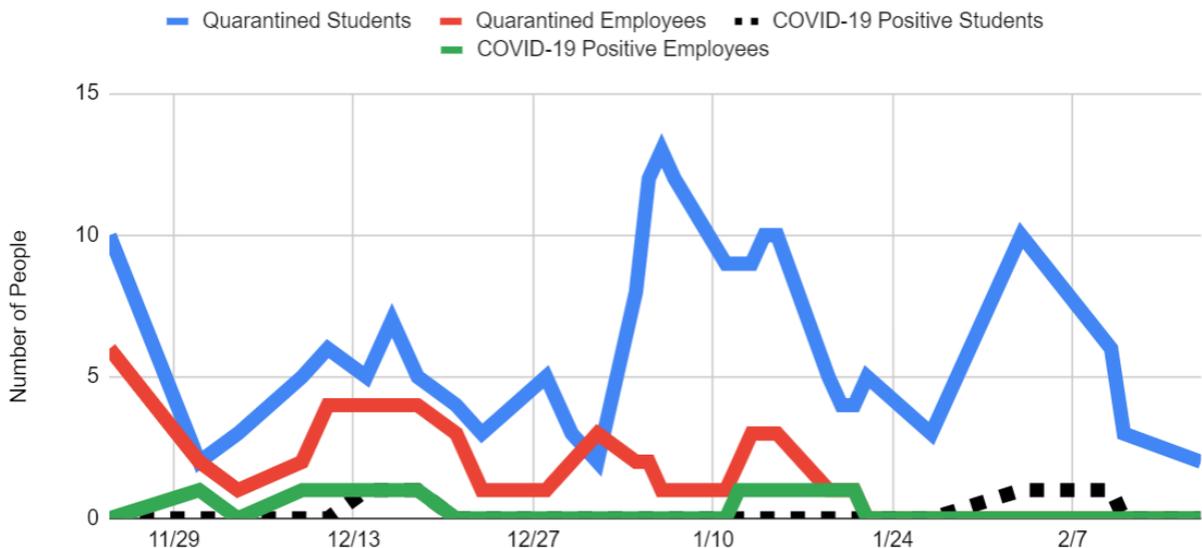
Recent Numbers of Positives and Quarantines at DCSD

The time plots below have been updated to provide a view of quarantines and positives in each school broken down by students and employees through 2/17/21.

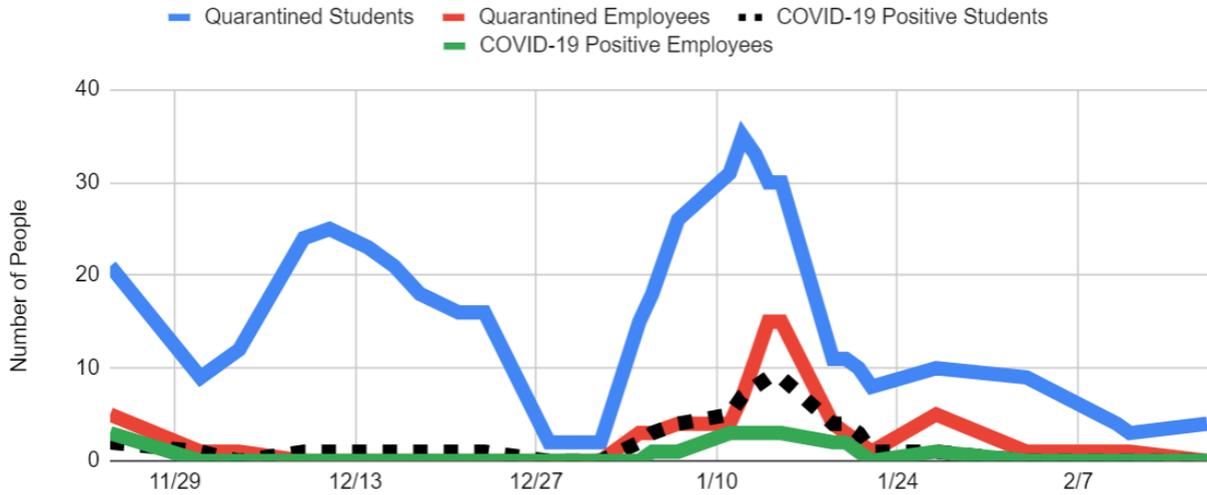
Dansville Primary School



EBH Elementary School



Dansville High School



ASAP

