

March 5, 2021

Dear School Community Members,

What a fantastic week we've had at DCS! The atmosphere has been electric, the sun has been shining and the cold air has kept us all wide awake! We conducted interviews of some great candidates for the DHS principal position on Wednesday. We enjoyed exciting basketball games and wrestling matches throughout the week and we recognized one of our most accomplished student athletes in school history, Arayana Young, for scoring over 1000 points throughout her varsity basketball career. Our EnCompass after school program returned and the enthusiasm is growing in anticipation of 1st through 6th graders coming back to school five days/week (please see the return schedule at the end of this letter).

**DHS principal search process.** On Wednesday, students, parents, support staff and teachers conducted interviews of highly qualified candidates seeking the post of DHS principal. There were 26 applications for the position and eight candidates were selected for committee interviews. Our committees reviewed applications and interviewed candidates throughout the day asking tough questions and weighing their pros and cons.

The day culminated with committee deliberations. Stakeholders identified the top candidates and made recommendations to the superintendent. I will now carry the process forward and make a decision on my recommendation to the Board of Education next week. We can be very proud of our committee members and especially the students for their meaningful participation in this important process and for representing DHS so well.

**NYS travel advisory changes anticipated.** The governor announced that the state will loosen quarantine restrictions on "fully vaccinated" New Yorkers who travel to non-contiguous states. We will share written detailed guidance when we receive it.

**Daily screening app (Operoo).** Last month the District rolled out a daily health screening app at the primary school when we brought kindergarteners back five days/week. It is the same app that we successfully use everyday with employees but we have learned that the app does not meet our needs for students. Thank you to all parents who were able to set up and use the app. We are discontinuing its use moving forward but we will continue to conduct periodic health screenings for all students using the standard survey that parents are familiar with.

**Quarantines and positives.** There are currently 3 active positives in the 14437 zip code area. Active Livingston County cases are at 83 today including SUNY Geneseo student positives. DCSD numbers are as low as they have been in a long time but we do note a handful of high school students who were symptomatic yesterday. We hope they test negative. Updated numbers are provided below.

3/4/21	DPS	EBH ES	DHS	District	ASAP
Quarantined Students	0	0	2	NA	0
Quarantined Employees	0	0	1	0	0
COVID-19 Positive Students	0	0	0	NA	0
COVID-19 Positive Employees	0	0	0	0	0

We enjoyed a week of optimism, productivity, accomplishments and hope at DCS. COVID numbers are down and spirits are up! Spring is just around the corner and we have so much to look forward to as we safely expand opportunities to our students.

Sincerely,

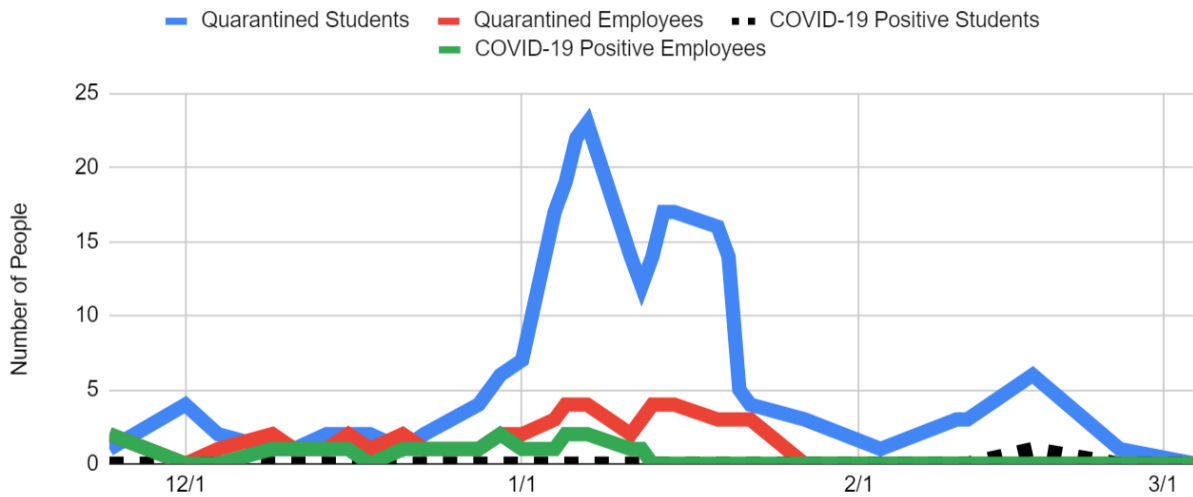


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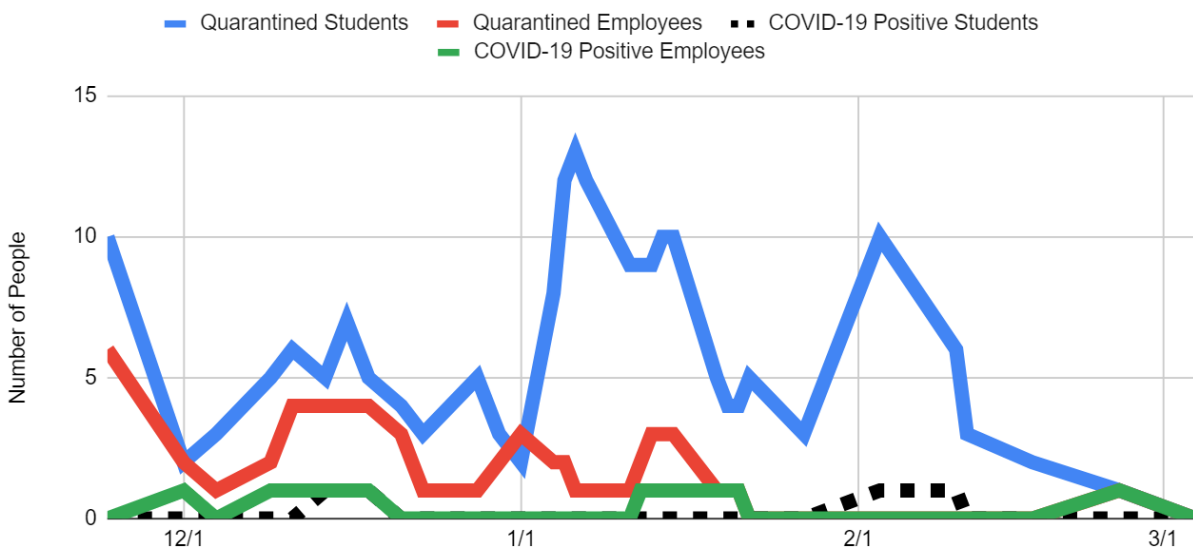
## Recent Numbers of Positives and Quarantines at DCSD

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 3/4/21.

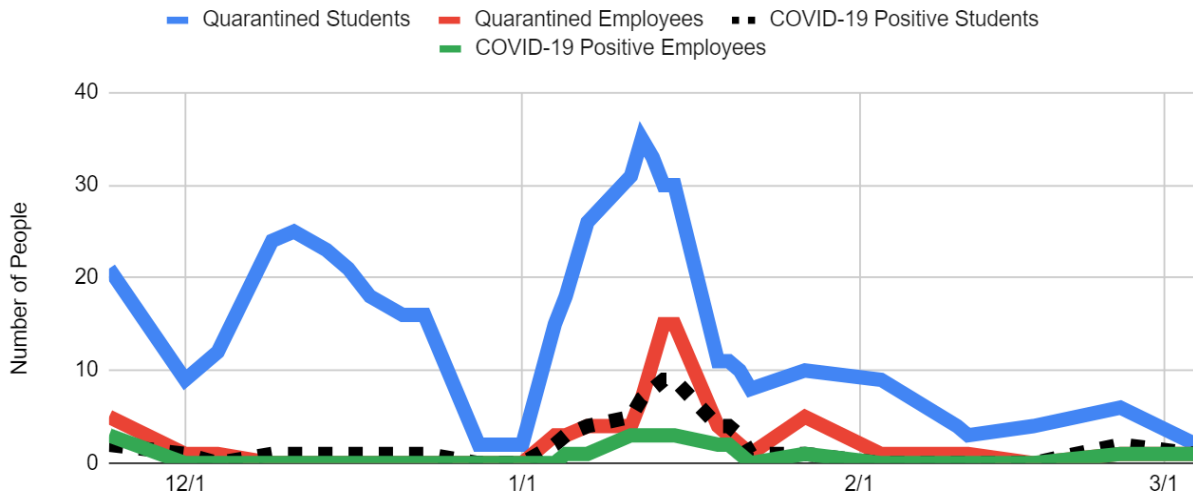
### Dansville Primary School



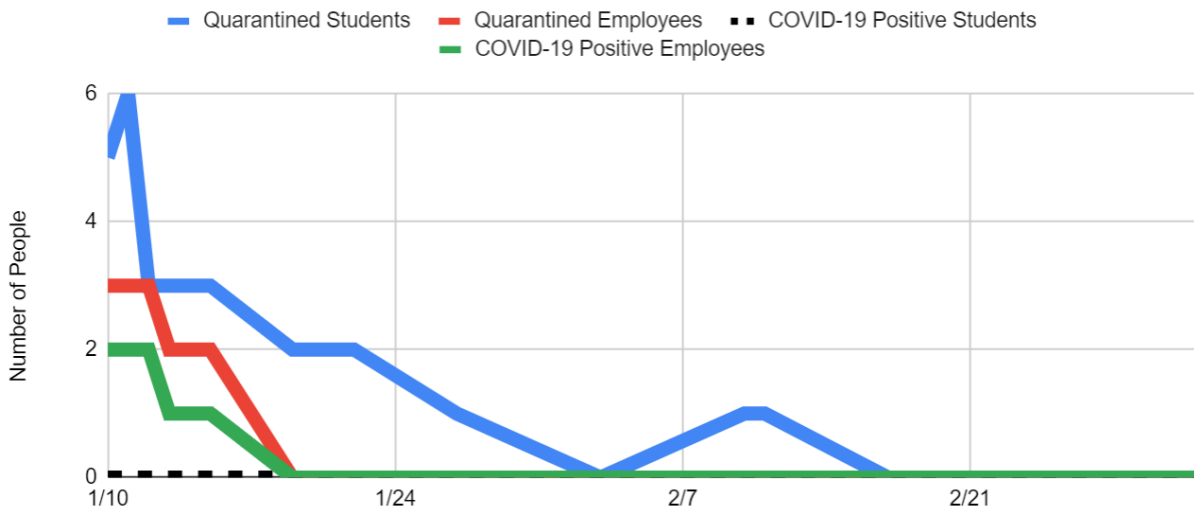
### EBH Elementary School



## Dansville High School



## ASAP



### Reminders from Last Week

**Community use of school facilities.** We are drafting new guidelines that will permit school facilities to reopen for community use according to the schedule below.

Activity	Start Date	Notes
Adult Swim	Monday, March 8	No more than 10 swimmers at once in the pool. Masks required everywhere but in the pool. Masks and distancing required in gymnasiums. Coaches and players only. Assurances required.
Adult Pickleball	Monday, April 19	
Community Basketball	Monday, April 19	

**DPS and EBH students returning.** We're excited to see more and more children safely return to school 5 days/week. Desk and table barriers will be in place wherever children are less than 6 feet apart. Masks are still required.

Children Returning	Start Date	Notes
Kindergarten	Monday, February 1	Our awesome kindergarten children and their awesome teachers are doing great!
1st graders	Monday, March 8	We had planned to return 1st graders on 3/1 but there was a delay in the delivery of physical barriers.
2nd, 3rd & 4th graders	Monday, March 15	These are target dates that could change depending upon circumstances. Barriers have been ordered but there have been production delays as more and more schools around the country reopen.
5th & 6th graders	Monday, April 5	