

Superintendent Monthly Report

General Updates: November 9, 2021

Facilities Update

The new Fire Alarm system is installed at BMS and is fully operational. There is a safety feature built into the fire alarm system that lets us know if any of the 31 fire alarm horns loses power. When BMS had additions added to the original building this warning system was not accurately installed and needed an adjustment. Once completed, the project will be closed out.

Screen and Stay

The Department of Public Health has issued revised guidance regarding when students and staff are identified as a close contact. The new protocols are called "Screen and Stay." We have implemented the new protocols on Monday, November 8. Additional information can be found on our website.

Sports

The boys soccer team won the small division championship beating Ashford. The girls soccer team had a very successful year. Unfortunately they lost to St. James in the championship match. We are still waiting on final guidance from the CIAC and DPH regarding protocols for the winter sports season.

Transportation

We have one new bus driver in training and we are hoping she will complete all the necessary steps within a couple of months. The individual we hired to become a van driver has withdrawn from the training program.

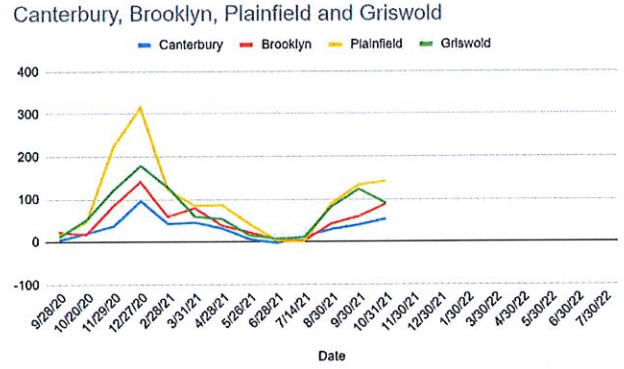
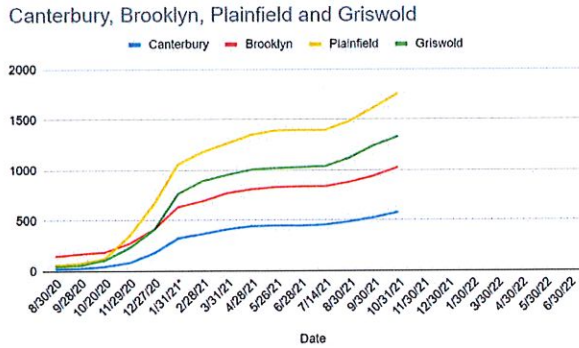
As previously reported three of our spare buses have had major mechanical issues leaving the district without any spares. With the age of our fleet this is a risky position to be in. We are currently renting a bus from Savinos at a rate of \$175 per day. To order and purchase a new bus will take about nine months to a year due to COVID related issues. DATTCO currently has three buses in stock that are 77 passenger diesel buses. Savinos has provided prices for the purchase of used buses. There are a few options for the Board to consider:

- Continue to rent a bus as a spare
- Request from the Board of Finance to purchase used buses
- Request from the Board of Finance to purchase new buses

These options will be fully discussed at our next board meeting.

Covid Rate

COVID rates in northeast Connecticut continue to rise. The number of cases in Canterbury are higher than they were this time last year. However, the rate of increase has seemed to flatten. With the availability for students to be vaccinated, hopefully we will see a decrease in cases moving into the winter months. Below are the updated tables reflecting total cases and the number monthly cases.



Monthly COVID Cases by Town

Date	Canterbury	Brooklyn	Plainfield	Griswold
9/28/20	4	23	16	12
10/20/20	20	17	47	52
11/29/20	37	84	224	122
12/27/20	96	141	315	179
1/31/21*	147	221	397	357
2/28/21	42	59	122	127
3/31/21	45	79	85	59
4/28/21	31	38	86	53
5/26/21	6	22	42	15
6/28/21	-3	5	3	7
7/14/21	12	2	0	10
8/30/21	29	42	89	82
9/30/21	39	59	133	123
10/31/21	53	88	142	90

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