



**Whitman-Hanson
Regional School District**

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To: All Whitman-Hanson Regional School District Staff and Families
From: Superintendent Jeffrey Szymaniak
Date: October 8, 2021

Dear Whitman-Hanson Community:

I hope this email finds you well. I have a couple of updates that I would like to share with you.

As you know, the mask mandate in schools has been extended until November 1, 2021. DESE Commissioner Riley has stated that any school that reaches an 80% vaccination rate on or after October 15, 2021 may petition the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to remove the mandate. The district nurses are collecting either a copy of a vaccination card or the district vaccine Attestation Form: [Covid vaccine attestation form 2021.pdf](#), in the hopes we will get to 80%. These are the numbers that we were able to obtain from the state. Hanson: 12-15 year olds – 266 and 16-19 year olds - 396, Whitman: 12-15 year olds – 441 and 16-19 year olds - 521.

One of my goals this year is to get out into the community and speak with parents about the district both pluses and minuses.

Below is the tentative schedule for the year.

10/20 - Hanson Middle School - 4:30pm-5:30pm

11/9 - High School - 10:30am-11:30am

12/1 - Conley Elementary - 4:30pm-5:30pm

1/10 - High School - 10:30am-11:30am

2/9 - Indian Head Elementary - 4:30pm-5:30pm

3/8 - High School - 10:30am-11:30am

4/6 - Duval Elementary - 4:30pm-5:30pm

5/17 - High School - 10:30am-11:30am

6/1 - Whitman Middle - 4:30pm-5:30pm

The district, as well as the rest of the country, is having difficulty filling substitute teaching positions and bus drivers.

If you are interested in substitute work for Whitman-Hanson, please complete the WHRSD Application form: [Application Form_WHRSD 2018.pdf](#), and email michelle.lindberg@whrsd.org

If you are interested in becoming a school bus driver for First Student, please click on this link.

First Student Now Hiring School Bus Drivers

Have a safe and awesome long weekend,

Thank you,

Jeff

Jeffrey Szymaniak

Superintendent of Schools