

Superintendent's Update - April 8, 2022

We are approaching spring break and are positioned well to finish the 2021-2022 school year strong.

COVID-19 Update

We have proceeded with mask-optional in our district and it has been very smooth. Individual choices are made and people have been very respectful. There has been a slight uptick (hitting double digits) of cases in the past three weeks. We continue to inform close contacts of an exposure. Those individuals test regularly for five days and mask. Furthermore, as a precautionary measure we have also sent classroom letters and a grade level letter to inform parents of a case(s) and to monitor and test if desired. It is important to still follow safety protocols as much as possible.

Flu and Cold

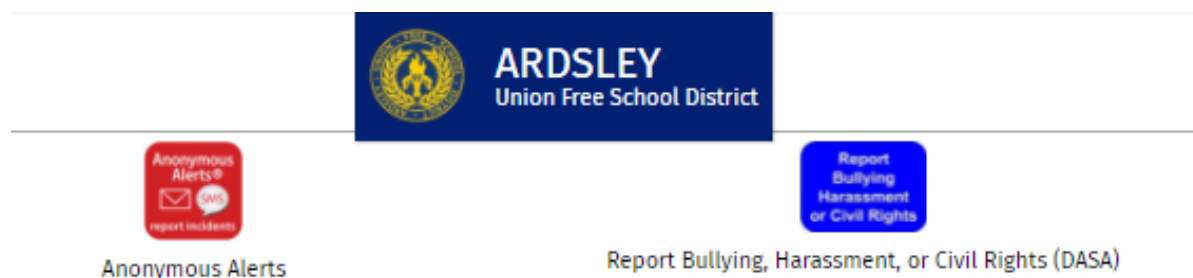
There has been a rise in flu and common cold cases over the past couple weeks. To prevent widespread illness in the school/community, we recommend that your child stay home from school/gatherings if experiencing flu-like or common cold symptoms. We appreciate your continued support and diligence in monitoring your child when ill. Keeping a sick child at home will minimize the spread of infections and viruses at school. Thank you in advance for helping to keep our school community healthy.

Anonymous Alerts and Reporting

We recently implemented the Anonymous Alerts reporting tool in our schools. This has already proven to work as intended. The app/website is anonymous and allows for two way communication. It has been helpful; information shared recently allowed administration to follow up and be of assistance. I continue to encourage students to speak with a trusted adult if there is a concern; however, this is also another viable tool.

Our District website provides required access to information and various reporting forms on our district's webpages. A new link "Report Bullying Harassment, or Civil Rights (DASA)" was added to every homepage to provide a quick shortcut to an original page. The page provides steps to follow and access to forms if there is bullying, harassment, or an infringement of civil rights. As part of responsibilities, Ardsley's school officials conduct investigations and reports when we learn of a matter. Thanks for being partners with us to assure that individuals are respected and feel safe and comfortable in our schools.

The below is a screenshot of the top of every website for prominence and your convenience.



Have a safe and enjoyable spring break. Safe travels near or far.

Warm regards and well wishes,
Dr. Ryan Schoenfeld