



Colchester School District

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CSD Community,

We hope you have had a joyful February Break. Hard to believe we will be welcoming spring soon! Here are a few updates and reminders to know as we get ready to welcome students back on Wednesday.

Please Vote on Tuesday!

The school budget for next year will be on the Town Meeting Day ballot on Tuesday, March 1. We encourage our community to be informed about what's on the ballot and hope that you are able to get out and vote. Polls are open from 7am - 7pm in the gym at CHS on Tuesday.

You should have received the CSD Annual Report to the Community in the mail last week. You can also learn about items on the ballot and hear directly from students in our [Your Vote Matters video series](#).

Sometimes it comes down to just a handful of votes - your vote matters!

Antigen Test Kit Pick Up Options

We have free antigen tests available for families and employees if needed. We encourage students and staff members to test before returning to school. Ideally, you should take two tests, 24 hours apart. To ensure everyone has access to tests, we'll be offering two dates and locations for pick up. No appointment or signup is necessary, come any time within the listed timeframe.

Tomorrow: Monday, February 28 from 7:30 am - 4:00 pm at CSD Central Office. Central Office is located at 125 Laker Lane on the high school campus. It's a white building with a blue roof.

Tuesday, March 1 from 1-4 at Bayside Activity Center. After you vote at CHS, feel free to swing by the Bayside Activity Center. The Bayside Activity Center is located at 36 Blakely Road, at the entrance to Bayside Park.

Universal Masking Update

As we shared in an [update before break on February 16](#), the State announced that masks can be made optional for schools that have over 80% of their students vaccinated for COVID-19. At the time of that update, the AOE was still calculating vaccination totals for each school. As of today (Sunday 2/27), they have still not released our vaccination rates. Once we hear from the AOE, we will notify the community of the schools' rates and if there will be any changes to the mask

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requirement. **Until we hear from the AOE with our confirmed vaccination rates, masks will continue to be required in all CSD schools.**

We look forward to welcoming our students back on Wednesday!

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