



Buffalo Public Schools

Phase III and IV Reopening Update April 14, 2021

Dr. Kriner Cash, Superintendent



COVID FACTS TODAY:

- Around 70,000 new cases / day nationwide, 14-day change is up 8%
- Pandemic death toll has reached 562,994 nationwide
- Erie County reports 3,393 new cases over the past 7 days, 7.0% positivity rate
- BPS Covid-19 total cases for the past 3-days is 114

- As of April 8, over 3.54 million children have tested positive for Covid-19 since the onset; 73,192 new child cases reported from 4/1/21-4/8/21
- A little more than 500-cases reported in schools in Erie County for the week ending Saturday 4/3/21
- NYT 4/14/21 article: Some Children With Covid-Related Syndrome Develop Neurological Symptoms

Phase I and II Update

Concurrent Instruction –

- Increased tech proficiency from remote learning has made the transition to concurrent easier
- Build on experience from Phase I; continue to share best practices
- Strategic use of break out rooms
- Continue to leverage online programs; increased usage of Nearpod, Moby Max, Lexia
- Joy of seeing students in-person

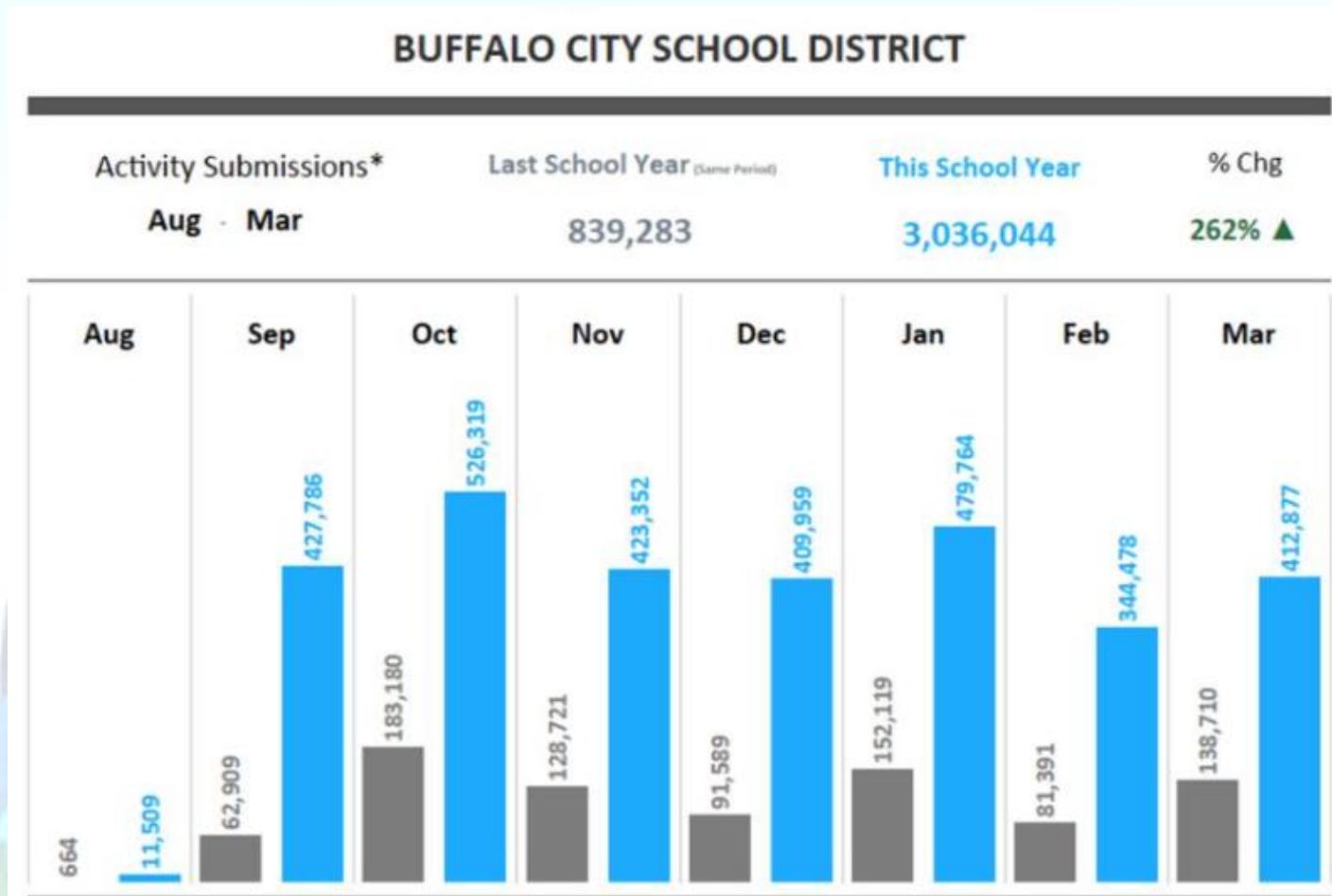
Ongoing Support for Concurrent Instruction -

- Professional development: Shifts in Instruction, Engagement Strategies for Concurrent Learning, Concurrent Learning for SE Co-teachers, Using Breakout Rooms, Schoology Organization
- Mentors conduct virtual support visits
- Sample instructional plans to illustrate implementation
- FAQs and guidance
- Office hours
- Schoology subject area groups

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Continue to leverage online programs; increased usage of programs like Schoology, Nearpod (graph below), Moby Max, myOn



Phase III and Phase IV

Principals have decreased the social distancing from 8 feet to 6 feet to accommodate a larger number of students returning.

- Secondary

- High school students in grades 9th-12 have been offered an invitation to return for Phase III on April 26th.
- Students who choose to return will experience a hybrid schedule of 2 days of in-person attendance a week and three days of remote learning.
- All high school students have been invited back for Phase III

- Elementary

- Elementary students and families who originally opted out have been reinvited for Phase IV on May 10th.
- Elementary students and families in grades 5-8 are invited for Phase IV on May 10th.
- Most students will be experiencing a hybrid schedule of 2 days of in-person attendance a week and three days of remote learning.
- All elementary students (PreK-8) have been or are in the process of being invited back for Phase IV.





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