



To: Seekonk School Committee
From: Dr. Rich Drolet, Superintendent of Schools
Date: May 10, 2021
Re: Superintendent's Update

Seekonk High School Decennial NEASC Visit

As you know, last week May 3rd through 5th, Seekonk High School had their NEASC “Decennial” visit over three school days. NEASC has changed the way they conduct visits, and this was SHS’ two-year follow-up on progress they made since the last NEASC visit in the fall of 2018. They conducted many student and staff interviews, and also visited almost every classroom virtually (the entire visit was virtual). Thank you School Committee Chair Sluter and School Committee member Beth Eklund, who represented the School Committee by participating in last Monday’s School Committee interview with NEASC. In an initial unofficial review of the findings at the conclusion of their visit, the NEASC Visiting Team Chair shared many strengths about their findings related to Seekonk High School. She also shared some areas we will need to continue to work on, such as (1) SHS staff collaborating to develop consistent beliefs about learning which can help shape a more articulate vision of a graduate, and (2) refining and publishing written curricula in Atlas, our internal online platform for housing our high school curricula. The final determination of Seekonk High School’s accreditation status will likely be decided in October.

LEARNING PLAN UPDATE

Weekly Color-Coded Massachusetts Department of Health Metrics Update

The chart below shares Seekonk’s most recent data since March. Note how the state of Massachusetts as well as locally our Town of Seekonk data has decreased considerably.

Date	Seekonk Case Count (last 14 days)	Average Daily Incidence Rate Per 100,000 Residents (last 14 days)	State of Massachusetts % Positivity Rate (last 14 days)	Seekonk % Positivity Rate (last 14 days)
March 4	39	19.9	1.93%	4.32%

March 11	36	18.4	1.72%	3.92%
March 18	34	15.3	1.83%	3.39%
March 25	36	18.4	2.01%	3.80%
April 1	53	27.0	2.36%	5.40%
April 8	65	33.1	2.54%	6.76%
April 15	51	26.0	2.48%	6.09%
April 22	41	20.9	2.30%	5.14%
April 29	29	14.8	2.01%	3.47%
May 6	20	10.2	1.73%	2.55%

Here is the data below for the total number of cases reported in our schools (as of May 10th at 12 PM):

- Aitken Elementary School: 6 staff, 27 students
- Martin Elementary School: 7 staff, 22 students
- Hurley Middle School: 8 staff, 32 students
- Seekonk High School: 9 staff, 78 students

In total, we have encountered 189 positive cases, 10 of which have been reported in the past two weeks. Here is a [link](#) to our COVID Dashboard updated daily on our website.

Overall, Seekonk’s weekly data has decreased considerably over the past 2 weeks. In the “Average Daily Incidence Rate per 100,000” (residents) in the state of Massachusetts, Seekonk is now at a nice low rate of **10.2** as of May 6th. And in the “Percent Positivity” rate, Seekonk is now at a low rate of **2.55%**.

We will continue to meet weekly with Seekonk’s Board of Health Agent and CTC representative in order to cross-reference any positive cases as well as confirm close contacts associated with our outside-of-school as well as in-school confirmed positive cases.