



MORTON

UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

Oct. 15, 2021

Morton District 709 Weekly Update

COVID cases dropped dramatically this past week, a trend we hope to see continue as we head into the holiday season.

As of Friday, five students had been diagnosed with COVID, down from 17 a week ago, for an overall infection rate of .16 percent in a student body of more than 3,200. Meanwhile, one staff member was out with COVID, same as last week. Please see the chart below:

Covid Positive Now		10/12/21	10/13/21	10/14/21	10/15/21	%
Staff		1	1	1	1	
Students	Brown	2	2	2	1	0.28%
	Grundy	1	1	1	1	0.26%
	Jefferson	0	0	0	0	0.00%
	Lincoln	1	1	0	0	0.00%
	JH	2	2	2	1	0.20%
	HS	0	2	2	2	0.19%
	MA	0	0	0	0	0.00%
	Total	6	8	7	5	0.16%

We ask that families keep ill children, COVID or no COVID, at home. We recommend that parents review our [Back to School Plan](#) and our [Frequently Asked Questions document](#). Please consult our [COVID reporting form](#), as well. Again, our goal from Day 1 has been to keep healthy students in school, helping them to grow to their maximum potentials.

Coming off a very successful Homecoming week, we're settling back into our routines here in Morton District 709.



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We're heading into the home stretch of our fall athletic seasons. Friday was Senior Night for our football Potters, who beat Limestone High and remain tied atop the Mid-Illini Conference. Our soccer seniors were celebrated earlier in the week. Our top-ranked boys' cross-country team won the conference meet Friday, and our girls' squad also fared well.

Morton Junior High's Spooktacular is back for infants through fourth graders. Please come costumed and masked for all manner of fun events, trick-or-treating included, from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30.



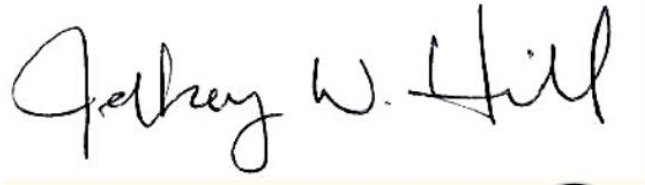
Welcome to Lincoln

The School Board is set to approve the district's 2022-23 budget and tentative levy at its meeting on Tuesday. The application process is now closed for the vacant School Board seat, with the board intending to act on its choice in the near future.

Much as we have been thrown our share of curveballs this year, we have managed to maintain our traditions and rhythms, and we are flourishing in the predictability

and reliability they offer. Our students are progressing, our achievement scores prove it, and we are enjoying another successful school year. Thanks to all for helping us make that happen.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jeffrey W. Hill". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'J' and 'H'. The signature is set against a light yellow rectangular background.

Jeffrey W. Hill, Ed.D

Superintendent

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