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Dear Remote Learning Families,

After careful consideration and guidance from Berrien County Health Department, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the Michigan Department of Education we will move forward with the plan to return students to in- person learning starting April 12, 2021 with their remote teacher.

Buchanan Schools has been ahead of the curve. As we outlined in early January, our intent was to return to in-person learning for the last 9-weeks of school. Recently, the Michigan Department of Education as well as the U.S. Dept. of Ed has been advocating for students to return to in-person learning.

We know that our protocols and procedures have been working well to keep our current in-person elementary learners safe and healthy. We feel confident in the successful return of our remote students to in-person learning for the remainder of the year.

If you choose to homeschool your student instead of returning to in-person learning, let the school office know of your decision. Please see the link below.

As we get closer to the April 12th return date, principals will be sending out a video to help facilitate your child's move back to his/her building. Please direct individual questions to your building principal.

A few things to begin to think about over the next few weeks:

Kid Kare: If you need before or after school care, our Kid Kare program is open and accepting students. Please see the district website for information about signing up or call Moccasin at 695-8408.

Transportation: If your child needs to ride a bus to and from school, please contact the transportation office by March 31st at 695-8402.

Food Services: School breakfast and lunch will continue to be free to students for the remainder of the school year. Breakfast is served at 8:20 each morning. Please call 695-8415 for questions about food services.

Building Information: All school and district information that is provided to families at the beginning of the school year is posted on our website: <u>www.buchananschools.com</u> and the <u>Buck Bulletin 20-21</u>.

COVID Procedures and Protocols:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1B26EPsBGRib4iaxEcs0TeITdLoUJE5fl_lrpoZQrXLI/edit

If you have any questions regarding building protocols or procedures, please contact your building principal.

Homeschool Information: The links below will provide you with homeschool

information.

https://www.berrienresa.org/cms/one.aspx?pageId=8050403

https://www.berrienspringspartnership.com/homeschool-links-of-interest. html

Thank you for your continued patience and support while we make key decisions during these uncertain times.

Sincerely,

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Patricia Robinson, BCS Superintendent