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Dear Buchanan Middle School Families,

This school year has been a tough year for everyone. Our staff and students returned to school in August with excitement and energy about the school year. We have followed the CDC and the Berrien County Health Department guidelines and strategies to help in mitigation. Our BMS staff and students continue to wear masks, social distance as much as possible, clean and disinfect, contact trace, and self-monitor. There are currently 57 students and staff at Buchanan Middle School that are currently quarantined. In addition to these numbers, our teaching staff is trying to balance in-person learning and remote learning with students who are quarantined which is overwhelming for our staff.

Due to all of the factors listed above, Buchanan Middle School will move to full remote learning for all students starting tomorrow, Wednesday, November 17, 2021, through Tuesday November 23, 2021. Students will return to in-person instruction Monday, November 29, 2021.

I know this decision will cause inconvenience for families and this decision is not an easy decision to make. We would like to continue in-person instruction however, it has become increasingly difficult for us to continue providing effective and efficient instruction while handling the impact of COVID-19.

During this time, Mrs. Beasley will communicate closely with you regularly. Additional information regarding Buchanan Middle School's Remote Learning Plan will be coming home with your child today including daily attendance, schedules and expectations.

Our goal is to take control of what we can control in this situation. We have seen a spike in our numbers and we will do what is necessary to keep our children safe.

At this time, we ask for your patience and understanding while we navigate through this together.

Educationally yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia L. Robinson".

Patricia L. Robinson
Superintendent