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Dear Buchanan Families,

Since the start of the school year, our goal has been to keep our students healthy and to keep our doors open for in-person learning. At our Board meeting in October, I shared our response plan as we continue to work through the myriad of issues this pandemic has brought. During this meeting it was shared that we will move to masks based on specific school data. Our elementary and middle schools will move to universal masks when there are three reported positive cases in a building.

Today we were notified that we have three active cases at Ottawa Elementary and two more active cases at Buchanan Middle School.

Starting tomorrow, November 9, 2021, all students, staff, and visitors at Ottawa Elementary and Buchanan Middle School must wear a mask when entering the school and throughout the school day, regardless of vaccination status. We will remain masked for at least two weeks through November 19, 2021. After the two week period, we will review our numbers and if our numbers show less than three positive cases, we will move to masks as an option. If the numbers remain elevated additional time may be added.

Please remember, if a student or staff member is sick they should not come to school. If they are sick and have taken a COVID-19 test, they are not to return to school until the results are in. If the results are positive, they will need to quarantine. If a student or staff member is confirmed to have COVID-19, the student or staff member and all unvaccinated household members of the positive case are to immediately be excluded from school and are to quarantine.

We will continue to provide updates as needed. You can access all of the district's related communication by visiting our website at www.buchananschools.com. If you have questions, please contact your building administrator.

Sincerely,

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

Patricia Robinson
Superintendent