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Dear Families and Staff,

Buchanan Community Schools learned today that *3 students at Ottawa Elementary School, 1 student at Buchanan Middle School, and 8 students at Buchanan High School have tested positive for COVID-19.* The students are in isolation. Due to federal health privacy laws, information regarding their identity cannot be released. Please respect their privacy during this difficult time.

**All families directly impacted by this news have been contacted by either Buchanan Community Schools staff or the county health department.**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends contacting your doctor if you believe you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop a fever and other symptoms, such as coughing or difficulty breathing. More information can be found at the Berrien County Health Department. In addition, please take social distancing seriously: avoid crowds, stay at home, and maintain at least a six-foot distance from other people.

**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](http://www.buchananschools.com). If you have questions, please contact your building administrator.

Thank you for your continued support. By working together, we will get through these challenging times. As you know, the well-being of our students, staff, and families is our number one priority.

Please join me in sending healing thoughts to our students.

Sincerely,

Patricia Robinson  
Superintendent