



BAD AXE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DISTRICT OFFICE

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November 16, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please read the following information thoroughly as it contains a number of important items.

Elementary School (Gr. K-2): We were notified today by the Huron County Health Department of a probable or confirmed COVID-19 case amongst students, teachers, or staff members who were present at the Bad Axe Elementary School under circumstances that may result in the transmission or contraction of COVID-19 during their infectious period.

- As a result, the **Bad Axe Elementary School** will be conducted remotely starting tomorrow, November 17, 2020 and returning to school on Monday, November 30 in accordance with our Preparedness and Response Plan. Learning packets will be available on Tuesday, November 17, from noon until 6:00 at the office end of the building. Please notify the staff member at pick up if you need a computer for virtual learning.
- Cleaning and disinfecting of the exposed location have been completed.
- If your child was in close contact with a confirmed individual, you will be contacted by the Huron County Health Department. Please take their call and follow the recommendations they provide.
- All confirmed cases should be isolated and close contacts quarantined for 14 days from last exposure in order to prevent illness in new persons. "Close contact" means being a household member, intimate contact, or caregiver of a confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case; within 6 feet of the confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case for more than 15 minutes, even if wearing a non-medical face covering; or having unprotected contact with the infected person's body fluids and/or secretions, for example, being coughed or sneezed on.
- Please note that all information, including the name(s) of ill persons, is confidential in order to protect patient privacy.

Grades 3-8: All students in grades 4-8 will continue to have instruction as they currently have elected (in-person or virtually). The one exception is our third grade classrooms which were contacted last week and are currently all virtual due to a presumed positive case. Our third grade classrooms will still return for in-person instruction on November 30.

Grades 9-12: With the most recent emergency order that was released Sunday evening, all 9-12 grade students will begin virtual learning effective this Wednesday, November 18. Students in grades 9-12 will not report to the school on Wednesday and will complete their instruction remotely.

Extracurricular Activities: With this same emergency order, all extracurricular activities are currently suspended at all grade levels. This includes athletics, clubs, weight room, and all other school sponsored activities.

District Vision Statement

Empowering successful learners for today, tomorrow, and the future.

District Mission Statement

Bad Axe Public Schools is committed to providing quality education for all students to reach their highest potential academically, socially, and physically.

For additional questions about COVID-19, please visit the Huron County Health Department at <https://www.hchd.us/>. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Greg Newland at (989) 269-9938, gnewland@badaxeps.org or the building principal Elementary Sharon Brighton at (989) 269-2736, sbrighton@badaxeps.org, Middle School Pete Batzer at (989) 269-2735 or pbatzer@badaxeps.org; High School Kurt Dennis at (989) 269-9593 or kdennis@badaxeps.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg M. Newland". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Gregory M. Newland, Superintendent

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