



February 22, 2018

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Approximately 50-100 Berrien Springs residents have been evacuated from their homes due to severe flooding. The Berrien Springs Public Schools, the American Red Cross, Berrien County Emergency Management, Village & Township Officials, Berrien Oronoko Township Police and Fire are working together to provide temporary housing for these families at the Berrien Springs Middle School.

The school district is making the necessary accommodations so normal school day operations can occur at the middle school. The Red Cross is providing oversight for the care of the temporarily housed residents. The Berrien County Sheriff's Department and the Berrien Oronoko Township Police Department are providing additional staffing assistance while displaced members of our community are temporarily housed at the middle school. The school district's primary focus is to maintain a safe and secure environment for our students and staff. Students and the temporarily housed residents will be isolated from each other in separate areas of the building.

This temporary situation may last through the next 5-7 days. Due to the highly cooperative nature of all parties involved, we believe this situation is manageable. We are asking for cooperation and understanding from all parties involved including our school district parents and families.

Please contact the middle school administration at (269) 471-2796 or the Superintendent's office at (269) 471-2891, should you have questions or concerns about this matter.

Sincerely,

David Eichberg, Superintendent