



October 12, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On Tuesday, October 6, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services issued an Emergency Order requiring transparency reporting of all COVID cases associated with public school districts. School Districts are required to begin reporting this information publicly, starting at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, October 12.

Each school district is required to report, by building, the following COVID related data:

- Number of Positive Cases
- Number of Probable Cases
- Number of Cumulative Cases

Positive and Probable cases are determined by the Berrien County Health Department. The Berrien RESA has collaborated with the Berrien County Health Department to provide the required data reporting for all Berrien County school districts. Berrien RESA has created a data dashboard on the RESA website that provides uniform reporting by the school district and by building for each county school district.

Berrien Springs Public Schools has created a link to this Berrien RESA page on each of our school's websites.

To date, Berrien Springs Public Schools has reported two positive COVID cases. The initial positive case was reported at Sylvester Elementary school during the first week of school. A second case was recently reported to the district involving a virtual student. This student has been working 100% from home. The student has not had contact with other students or staff. The safety protocols and procedures currently in place continue to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for our staff and students.

I'm very grateful for our staff's diligent efforts and the support of our families in creating a safe and inviting environment for students. Thank you for your ongoing trust in our schools and your continued support of the vision of Berrien Springs Public Schools, "Together, inspiring students to think, learn, achieve and care in a global community."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Eichberg". The signature is written in a cursive style.

David Eichberg, Superintendent