



Bangor Public Schools

“Providing Educational Excellence as a Pathway to Success”

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Dear Bangor Public Schools Parents, Staff and Community members:

We have received notification from the Van Buren Cass County Health Department that 2 students associated with the Bangor High School, have tested positive for COVID-19. The students were already in quarantine. While we must protect the privacy of the persons involved, we believe it is best to communicate transparently with you, so that you can make well-informed decisions for your family.

There is nothing more important to Bangor Public Schools than the safety and health of our students, our staff and their families. We are working directly with county health officials to address this situation. Close contacts with the affected individuals have already been, or will be notified by the Van Buren Cass County Health Department and advised on how to proceed.

The Local County Health Department has recommended we share the following information:

Bangor High School has Students and Staff currently quarantined as per recommended by the Van Buren/Cass County Health Department. Out of an Abundance of Caution, Bangor High School (grades 9-12), Bangor Career Academy and the Van Buren Intermediate School District Behavioral program which is located in the High School will be switching to Full Remote Learning with a return date of November 12th pending further investigation.

It is important to note that if you did not receive communication from the health department or the Bangor School District, then you and/or your child were not within “close contact”.

It is important to remember the children are greatly influenced by the reactions of adults when facing difficult circumstances. We encourage everyone to remain calm and to be respectful to those affected.

Due to the unforeseen circumstances, Bangor Public Schools will be providing Breakfast and Lunch Meals for all students. These Meals can be picked up on Wednesday November 4th between 4:00 and 5:00 pm in front of the High School.

We have attached expectations and resources for your student to follow while working from home during this time.

You may go online to www.bangorvikings.org to see the full letter.

Our greatest priority is the safety of our students, staff and community members. Please continue to take necessary precautions to protect yourself and those around you. I encourage everyone to remain calm and to be empathic and respectful to those affected.

Tomorrow, Wednesday November 4th, 2020 is a regularly schedule “Remote Learning Day” for all Students. As we continue to work with the local Health Department, you will be updated tomorrow with a complete plan of action.

We are grateful for the opportunity to serve you and your family, especially as we face this challenging situation together. Thank you for your support of Bangor Public Schools.

Sincerely,

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