



## Ravenna Public Schools

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Dear Beechnau Staff, Beechnau Parents, and Community of Ravenna Public Schools:

This is a tough decision and we don't take the responsibility lightly. Effective Thursday, November 12th, Beechnau Elementary School will be shifting from our flex-hybrid program to remote learning as defined in phases 1-3 learning program. **This will occur at Beechnau Elementary only.** Please click [here](#) for the details. We will continue this plan through Thanksgiving break, expecting to return to our flex-hybrid program on November 30th. Keep in mind, students enrolled in our 100% virtual learning program will continue to do so without changes.

Remaining transparent and sharing open and honest communication, I would like to provide the rationale for temporarily shutting down face-to-face learning at Beechnau Elementary.

- Critical shortage of staff and subs to adequately and safely instruct and manage students
- We have several probable positive cases within our Beechnau Elementary school community
- We currently have 2 classrooms shut down with another being closely monitored
- With a recent spike in cases and quarantines, we are in need to reduce the risk of virus spreading
  - Staff: (Positive Case) Isolation - 2
  - Staff: Quarantined -6
  - Students: Quarantined -58
  - Students: (Positive Case) Isolation -1

We believe we are taking appropriate measures to prevent the spread of illness and we appreciate your efforts as well. Moving forward, we will continue to do our best to utilize staff and subs to the best of our ability as shutting down is our last course of action.

Please be reminded that wearing a mask, following 6' physical distancing measures, and frequently washing your hands is essential. Thank you for your partnership in keeping our students, staff, and community safe and healthy.

If you have questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at [ghelmer@ravennaschools.org](mailto:ghelmer@ravennaschools.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Helmer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Greg Helmer  
Superintendent, Ravenna Public Schools  
#BulldogPride

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