



## Ravenna Public Schools

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

We have received confirmation that one Beechnau Elementary student has tested positive for COVID-19. Privacy regulations restrict us from sharing identifying information about the individual affected, however, Public Health - Muskegon County has confirmed that this particular case was spread by an outside source.

No close contacts have been identified at Beechnau Elementary at this point in time. The positive case is not related to any of our employees (2 total) who tested positive. With this latest information, our total confirmed positives by staff and students remains at three since the beginning of the school year.

We will continue to work with Public Health - Muskegon County, and we will follow their recommendations regarding thresholds for maintaining in-person instruction, quarantining, identifying close contacts, and cleaning/sanitizing protocols.

We believe we are taking appropriate measures to prevent the spread of illness and we appreciate your efforts as well. As a reminder, continue to screen for symptoms. I truly believe it's our civic responsibility to effectively screen and quarantine during this pandemic.

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 style.

Greg Helmer  
Superintendent, Ravenna Public Schools  
#BulldogPride

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