

December 7, 2020

Greetings EGF ISD 595 Families and Staff Members!

I hope all of you are staying healthy and taking advantage of the nice weather. Above normal temperatures, no snow, and a Vikings win made for a great weekend! Please take a little time to review the following information and feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

THANK YOU!

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COVID-19 Case Numbers - The most recent [MN 14-Day Case Rate by County](#) was released on 12.3.20 and for the first time in a few weeks, Polk County is not in first place. The latest 14-day number for Polk County of **264** is still very high, but did not increase from last week. The following spreadsheet contains updated school district positive case data from the beginning of the school year through December 4, 2020. Seven positive COVID cases have been reported to the District since the last report was sent out on November 30, 2020. **PLEASE NOTE** - The first three rows of data in black print contain positive COVID case numbers for students and staff members who were in school during their infectious period. The next three rows of data in red print contain COVID positive case numbers for students and staff members who were not in school during the infectious period for various reasons.

East Grand Forks ISD 595 Positive COVID-19 Case Data through 12.4.20						
	New Heights	South Point	CMS	Senior High	District Wide	Total
Student Positive Cases from 9/8/20 to 12/4/20	4	6	15	23	0	48
Staff Positive Cases from 9/8/20 to 12/4/20	8	5	6	9	1	29
Total Positive COVID Cases from 9/8/20 to 12/4/20	12	11	21	32	1	77
Student Positive Cases from 9/8/20 to 12/4/20 - NOT IN SCHOOL	15	13	16	19	0	63
Staff Positive Cases from 9/8/20 to 12/4/20 - NOT IN SCHOOL	5	1	5	3	2	16
Total Positive Cases from 9/8/20 to 12/4/20 - NOT IN SCHOOL	20	14	21	22	2	79
GRAND TOTAL OF POSITIVE CASES	32	25	42	54	3	156
Case Number Increases from 11.30 to 12.4.20	4	2	1	0	0	7
Case Number Increases from 11.12 to 12.4.20	9	7	5	1	1	24

School Learning Model Decision - EGF ISD 595 has officially transitioned to the distance learning model for all grade levels and early reports seem to be positive. Everyone involved in the process has worked very hard and made sacrifices in order to do what is best for our children. There are numerous factors to consider when deciding on the best learning model for the students and pivoting to distance learning was a very tough call for district officials. The District's short-term goal is to bring all students back to school in model two (In-Person for Grades PK-5 and Hybrid for Grades 6-12) on Monday, December 14, 2020. A special school board meeting will be held remotely via Zoom at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 to determine if the original goal of coming back to school on December 14, 2020 can be met or if the distance learning period should be extended through the holiday season

MSHSL Winter Activities Update - The MSHSL Board of Directors met on December 3, 2020 and approved a recommendation from the Return to Play Task Force. You can find a synopsis of the board meeting and task force recommendations at the following links.

- [12.3.20 MSHSL Board of Directors Meeting Synopsis](#)
- [MSHSL Return to Participation Task Force Recommendation](#)

Reporting Absences and COVID Information REMINDER - It is extremely critical for decision making purposes that parents and staff members continue to notify the school district about COVID related absences and cases. PLEASE continue to communicate absences and COVID cases to the individual building offices and feel free to contact members of the COVID intake group or district office if you have any questions or concerns.

