

January 21, 2021

EGF ISD 595 Families and Staff Members!

It is hard to believe we are already nearing the end of the first semester of the 2020-21 school year! To say that the school year has been challenging for students, staff members, and families would be an understatement. All of you have stepped up to the plate for our students and I am very thankful for your efforts! We are starting to see light at the end of the tunnel and I am cautiously optimistic that things will get back to normal in the near future. Please take a little time to review the following information and feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

**COVID Updates** - The 14-day case per 10,000 number for Polk County continues to drop weekly and is currently at **23.11** (12.27.20 - 1.9.21). You can go to [K-12 Schools: 14-day COVID-19 Case Rate by County](#) to view the statewide data. The school district has also seen a drop in the number of positive COVID cases for students and staff members in recent weeks. The latest positive COVID cases data through 1.19.21 for students and staff members is listed below. There were small pockets of positive casee in the district which required the quarantining of students and staff members. Please do not let your guard down!

<b>East Grand Forks ISD 595 Positive COVID-19 Case Data through 1.19.21</b>						
	<b>New Heights</b>	<b>South Point</b>	<b>CMS</b>	<b>Senior High</b>	<b>District Wide</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Student Positive Cases from 9/8/20 to 1/19/21</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Staff Positive Cases from 9/8/20 to 1/19/21</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Total Positive COVID Cases from 9/8/20 to 1/19/21</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>Student Positive Cases from 9/8/20 to 1/19/21 - NOT IN SCHOOL</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>77</b>
<b>Staff Positive Cases from 9/8/20 to 1/19/21 - NOT IN SCHOOL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Total Positive Cases from 9/8/20 to 1/19/21 - NOT IN SCHOOL</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>102</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL OF POSITIVE CASES</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>185</b>
<b>Case Number Increases from 12.22.20 to 1.19.21</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Case Number Increases from 11.12.20 to 1.19.21</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>51</b>

**Learning Model Updates** - The significant decrease in active COVID cases in the school district is very promising and strong considerations are being given to a potential transition to the in-person model for grades 6-12. The EGF ISD Board of Education will be discussing the potential transition on Monday, January 25, 2021. Transitioning to a new learning model takes time and the district will need to follow certain criteria.

**Early Dismissal Reminder** - Students will continue to be dismissed early on the last school day of each week until further notice. If and when the school district transitions to full in-person instruction for all grade levels, the schedule will be adjusted. Thank you for your cooperation!

- Early Dismissal Times
  - New Heights and South Point Elementary Schools - 12:50 p.m.
  - CMS and EGF Senior High - 1:15 p.m.
- Future Early Dismissal Dates - January 22 & 29, February 5, 11 (Thursday) & 19

**No School on January 25, 2021**- Monday, January 25, 2021 is a scheduled staff development day at EGF ISD 595 and school will not be in session.

**Students in Action** - It has been awesome to have the students back in the building this month and I enjoy seeing as many as possible every day!



**Activities Update** - The winter activities are in full swing and I have enjoyed watching the students participate! There are capacity limits that the school district needs to follow at all of the home events, but a majority of the games are being live streamed for fans to view. You can catch your favorite Green Wave Teams in action on yourliveevent.com, CMS Facebook Live, or the viewing platforms school districts use in the area. You can find most of the links to the live streaming platforms at [EGF ISD 595 District Website](#). The EGF ISD 595 Activities Department will also communicate the links to watch events via social media when Green Wave teams are on the road. GO GREEN WAVE!



Have a super day!

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