

February 16, 2021

EGF ISD 595 Families and Staff Members!

I hope all of you have been staying warm during the latest cold snap! The recent weather brought us back to reality, but warmer temperatures are on the way and March will be here very soon. 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 **15.51** (1.17.21 - 1.30.21). 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 2.9.21 for students and staff members is listed below. We have seen a significant drop in the number of cases, but cannot get too comfortable. Please do not let your guard down!

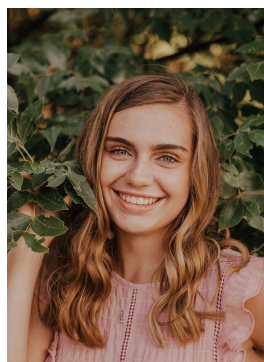
East Grand Forks ISD 595 Positive COVID-19 Case Data through 2.9.21						
	New Heights	South Point	CMS	Senior High	District Wide	Total
Student Positive Cases from 9/8/20 to 2/9/21	4	8	16	24	0	52
Staff Positive Cases from 9/8/20 to 2/9/21	10	5	6	10	2	33
Total Positive COVID Cases from 9/8/20 to 2/9/21	14	13	22	34	2	85
Student Positive Cases from 9/8/20 to 2/9/21 - NOT IN SCHOOL	18	14	20	25	0	77
Staff Positive Cases from 9/8/20 to 2/9/21 - NOT IN SCHOOL	7	3	7	5	3	25
Total Positive Cases from 9/8/20 to 2/9/21 - NOT IN SCHOOL	25	17	27	30	3	102
<b>GRAND TOTAL OF POSITIVE CASES</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>187</b>
Case Number Increases from 12.22.20 to 2.9.21	4	3	2	2	0	11
Case Number Increases from 11.12.20 to 2.9.21	16	12	12	10	3	53
Case Number Increases from 1.19.20 to 2.9.21	0	1	1	0	0	2

**Learning Model Transition** - The District is currently in the process of transitioning grades 6-12 to the in-person model. The transition started last week with the 9th grade class and will continue on February 16th for grades 6-8 and February 22nd for grades 10-12. It is exciting to get all of the students back in the buildings for in-person instruction, but we will need to be very diligent in following the safety guidelines in order to prevent the spread of the virus. Please continue to monitor for symptoms and keep your child(ren) home if they are experiencing any symptoms and/or have been a close contact. Thank you!

**Early Dismissal Reminder** - Students will continue to be dismissed early on the last school day of each week until further notice. 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 - February 19 and 26. Please stay tuned for updates to the March schedule.
  - **PLEASE NOTE** - There WILL NOT be an early dismissal for students on Wednesday, February 24th. The official school calendar will be updated to reflect the change.

**MSHSL Triple A and ExCEL Winners** - Congratulations to Ella Eggers and Katie Bergeron on being selected as the local MSHSL Triple A and ExCEL winners from East Grand Forks Senior HS! Ella was also selected as the Sub-Section 31 winner! Great job Ella and Katie!

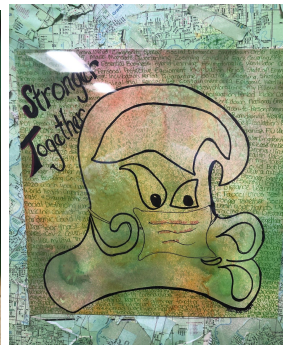


**Triple A Winner Ella Eggers**



**ExCEL winner Katie Bergeron**

**Students in Action** - I have really enjoyed seeing students back in all of the school buildings and participating in activities. School systems are designed to be busy and the extended breaks caused by the pandemic made all of us have a greater appreciation for them! Please continue to be smart and help prevent any potential setbacks. We want to continue the transition to FT in-person instruction for all of the students and continue with all of the activities. THANK YOU for all of your efforts!



**Activities Update** - 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. **Many of the games on yourliveevent.com will also be available to be viewed on the City of EGF Channel (Midco 15). Please check the Senior HS website and social media for broadcast schedules.** 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 great day and pass it on!

***Mike Kolness***

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