



# North Branch Area Schools

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James D. Fish Superintendent

March 19, 2021

Dear North Branch Parents/Guardians,

This morning we were informed that two more individuals at Ruth Fox Middle School and two individuals at North Branch High School tested positive for COVID-19. In coordination and consultation with the Lapeer County Health Department, the district has made the difficult decision to move instruction for **all Ruth Fox Middle School and North Branch High School students to our Remote Learning Plan, effective Monday, March 22nd through Thursday, March 25th.** (Note: Friday, March 26 is a scheduled off day before Spring Break the following week).

During the next two weeks, our buildings will be disinfected and deep cleaned in preparation for **all students to return for in-person instruction on Monday, April 5, 2021.**

North Branch Elementary will remain open for in-person instruction for all BK-4th grade students, including Little Learners Preschool and Head Start. The elementary school only has one positive case and this student has not been in the district since March 10, 2021.

In addition, F.A.B.S. Child Care will remain open for families of BK-4 learners; F.A.B.S will not be available during the 5-12 closure for parents of 5th-6th grade students.

The Remote Learning Schedule for each building will be placed prominently on the main page of the district [website](#) as well as on building sites. Principals will be sending out communications to provide families with more information about meals, learning packet pick-up and more.

North Branch Area Schools will continue to support families with the meal program during this school closure. For more information, please visit <http://bit.ly/30A26MH>.

Please contact my office if you have further questions.

With sincere appreciation for your patience and understanding,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim".

Jim Fish  
North Branch Superintendent