



Superintendent of Schools
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Dear Buck Families,

Today another note was found in a restroom stall, along with comments on that stall's walls. Upon learning about the threat, the district contacted law enforcement. The police spent the afternoon investigating the situation and ensuring student safety. High school leaders continue to review cameras, and handwriting samples will be sent to the crime lab as in the other case. Law enforcement will resume their presence in the high building tomorrow.

Anyone who makes a threat against one of our schools, our students, or our staff has an extremely high possibility of being expelled from Buchanan Community Schools and will forfeit the right to attend. If a student should desire to continue their schooling in our district, it will likely be through the Buchanan Virtual Academy. Moreover, the expelled student would not be allowed on district grounds or be able to participate in any Buchanan Community Schools' extra-curricular activities, such as attending athletic games, proms, clubs, etc. Their lives will change drastically, and our schools will remain the safe places they are today.

On top of an expulsion hearing, please be reminded that the Berrien County Sheriff issued a warning notice to anyone who makes a school threat. All threats will be taken seriously, will be investigated, and will be forwarded to the County Prosecutor's office.

School safety remains our number one priority. The district will continue to work with law enforcement officials to ensure that all Buchanan Community Schools' students attend classes while in a safe learning environment. You may report incidents of threats to the Herd Hotline (269-409-1153) or by using the confidential reporting tool [OK2Say](#).

A blue rectangular box containing four white icons: a telephone handset, a speech bubble, an envelope, and a smartphone. Below each icon is text providing contact information: "Call: 8-555-OK2SAY (855-565-2729)", "Text: 652729 (OK2SAY)", "Email: OK2SAY@mi.gov", and "Download App for: iPhone / Android".

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If you have any additional questions, please contact me at 269-695-8401.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia Robinson".

Patricia Robinson
Superintendent