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Dear Breckinridge County Learning Community,

Students returned to school last week after Fall Break ready to soar into the 2nd grading quarter. Report cards from the 1st grading quarter have been sent home or will be this week. Terrific work is taking place by our staff in the school district to ensure a positive and productive learning environment for every student. Pandemic related stress has challenged our students and staff to the max this school year. Through it all, they are displaying levels of courage, strength, and resolve that make all of us in Breckinridge County proud. Active cases in the Breckinridge County community have increased from 55 on October 11th to 62 yesterday. Please review the school by school COVID-19 data below:

School	Students Quarantined	Staff Quarantined
BCHS	6	0
BCMS	6	0
HES	2	0
IES	14	0
BJES	2	0
CES	0	0

Challenges are a part of life, and we know we will continue to encounter them in the school district and community. I want to encourage everyone to focus on positive and productive communication in an effort to work through challenges we encounter. A strong commitment to communication will enable us to find common ground during times of disagreement. As a community, we must remember that the Pandemic is negatively impacting our fellow Breckinridge Countians. Following the recommended strategies of washing our hands frequently, utilizing hand sanitizer, limiting our social gatherings, and wearing a mask inside public buildings are highly effective in slowing the spread of the virus and keeping our children in school. The vaccination rate for Breckinridge County is 43%. Anyone interested in receiving the COVID-19 vaccine should contact a healthcare provider or the Breckinridge County Health Department.

Stay strong, Breckinridge!

Sincerely,

Nick Carter, Ed.D

Superintendent

**Breckinridge County Schools** 

