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COVID-19 Outbreak Declared at Grand Erie's Education Centre

Brantford, Ont. – Today, the Brant County Health Unit declared a COVID-19 outbreak at Grand Erie District School Board's Education Centre in Brantford. A workplace outbreak is defined as "two or more laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases with an epidemiological link in the workplace (e.g., same work area, same shift) within a 14-day period where both cases could have reasonably acquired their infection in the workplace."

News of the second COVID-19 case at the Education Centre came late this morning. The first case was announced on December 18. Grand Erie's Education Centre has approximately 50 staff working onsite in a variety of roles to support students and staff across the system.

Understandably, for privacy reasons, the identity of these two COVID-19 cases will not be disclosed. These individuals have been directed by the health unit to <u>self-isolate</u>, along with any family members who reside in the same household.

As they work through their contact tracing, the Brant County Health Unit will be in direct contact with anyone identified as close contacts to the second COVID-19 case.

For general information, visit the <u>COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions</u> on Grand Erie's website.

Grand Erie District School Board represents nearly 18,000 students in 58 elementary schools and more than 7,600 students in 14 secondary schools within the city of Brantford and the counties of Brant, Haldimand, and Norfolk as well as students from Six Nations of the Grand River and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. With a dedicated staff of more than 2,500, Grand Erie remains committed to its goal of *Success for Every Student*.

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