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## Superintendent Update – February 26, 2021

Dear Botetourt County Students, Staff, Parents, and Community:

Botetourt County Schools is excited to welcome back all students on Monday, March 1, 2021 for the remainder of the school year! Our staff has been working hard in recent weeks to prepare our schools for the increased number of students who will be attending each day. There are several items that we want to bring to your attention today:

### 1. COVID-19 Health Plan:

This plan can be found on the Important Documents page of our COVID-19 Information website. It is also linked below for your convenience.

Link: [COVID-19 Health Plan](#)

### 2. Information Video:

This video covers how to access your child's bus transportation information, the instructional options available for families to consider, daily mitigation efforts in our buildings, and health guidelines regarding when to keep your child at home.

Link: [March 1 Return Video](#)

Recent changes to our HVAC system, combined with diligently abiding by our mitigation strategies, has allowed us to confidently open our buildings to all our students again. Other divisions in the valley have followed our lead and made similar preparations to return to four-day-a-week, in-person instruction.

The health and safety of every individual in our facilities remains our highest priority. I acknowledge this year has been challenging, but I encourage you to remain vigilant to those practices that will safeguard your children, your family, and our community.

Sincerely,

Jonathan D. Russ, Ed.D.  
Superintendent