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Superintendent Update – January 21, 2022

Dear Students, Staff, Parents, and Community:

I hope everyone enjoyed this unexpected week of snow days! As students prepare to return to school on Monday, January 24th, I wanted to bring several important items to your attention:

The Botetourt County School Board issued a press release this afternoon outlining the reasons for deciding to continue our mask mandate for students. I know not everyone will agree with this decision, but I encourage you to be patient while our division awaits further information from the Virginia Department of Education on properly implementing Executive Order No. 2.

Federal regulations require masking of all individuals while on public transportation, including those offered by public K-12 school divisions. Buses will continue to utilize seating charts to assist with any necessary contact tracing. Students who refuse to wear their mask properly or remain in their assigned seat may lose their transportation privileges.

I ask that you continue to keep your children home if they are S.I.C.K.

S - Symptomatic

I - In Quarantine

C - COVID Positive

K - Know a Test Result is Pending

I continue to be amazed by the tremendous work our teachers, staff, students, and families continue to shoulder as we navigate the difficult challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. Providing safe, relevant, purposeful, and in-person learning for students remains our highest priority, and I appreciate your continued support as we strive for that objective.

Sincerely,

Jonathan D. Russ, Ed.D.
Superintendent