



Bellwood-Antis School District

The BASD creates a learner-centered environment and engages students in meaningful interdisciplinary experiences that cultivate the development of future-ready citizens.

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Earlier this year Bellwood-Antis School District made the decision (Parent Choice) that was the best for our community based on what the Governor had called "local control". On Tuesday, the Governor took this out of our hands and issued a mandate through the PA Department of Health. We understand some of you may disagree with the mandate, but we have no choice but to follow an Order from the Department of Health.

On Tuesday, September 7th, all students, teachers, and other employees are required to wear masks while indoors.

- *Students who do not have a mask, will be given a mask and asked to wear it. If they refuse to wear the mask, they will be subject to progressive disciplinary action that is outlined in the hand book. This is the same disciplinary process that was administered last year.*

Here is the penalty for school district officials for not enforcing the mask order:
"Failure to implement or follow the Order may subject a person to penalties under the Disease Prevention and Control Law of 1955 and exposure to personal liability."

Please take a moment to review the links below concerning masks.

If you feel your child qualifies for an exception in the mandate, please submit a written request to your building principal.

- [Order Signed by the Department of Health](#)
- (Accommodations and exceptions listed here)
 - [FAQs concerning Masks](#)

I recognize this announcement will be met with relief in some quarters and anger in others. I further understand that proponents and opponents alike will feel frustration that it comes as the school year is already underway. These decisions are very fluid, and can change daily, we will do our best to keep you informed of any changes.

Amid these challenges, I believe we all agree that our students' long-term prospects depend on schools remaining open for full-time instruction. **Our goal is to maximize the chances for regular school operations and minimize student and staff quarantines**

We appreciate your help and support of the school district and we look forward to working with you during this school year.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent