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To our BSAS family:

The Bentonville SDA School Board met last night and voted to adopt the Bentonville Public School “Safe School Plan” for 2021-2022 in regard to face masks for the start of the school year. This plan will be reviewed monthly by the school board and modified as the Covid-19 environment changes. Safety is our goal in adopting these policies. Please read over the section on pages 5 and 6 found in the link. [Safe School Continuation Plan / Safe School Continuation Plan \(bentonvillek12.org\)](https://bentonvillek12.org)

All students will wear a mask as they enter the building and in the hallways or common areas. If parents are lined up with their students, they will need to be masked as well. Temperatures are checked at the door. There are several opportunities for students to remove their masks listed in the above document. We know that masks are uncomfortable for some students. When there is enough personal space and teacher approval, masks can be removed. If parents wish their students to keep masks on all during the day, we will do our best to honor that as well.

We will continue with limited entry of guests/parents into the school. Students will be dropped off at the door and asked to line up on the colored tape in front of the entrances. PreK students will be signed in by their teacher and elementary students will have attendance taken in the classroom. Appointments can be made with teachers or the office secretary to take care of any business preferable by phone. You may also arrange to see your child’s teacher after school. If you would like to meet in person with a staff member or teacher, you must make an appointment.

BSAS will again be using the desk shields for student work areas to provide a “personal space bubble” for students. We have ordered enough for each student to have their own for added protection. Our cleaning procedures will continue and areas will be sanitized daily. We had a successful Covid-free year last year, so we want that to continue.

We want to continue holding school in person and believe that the most thorough education is when we are in our classrooms. We ask for your prayers, patience and support as we start this new school year. Ready or not, here comes the 2021-2022 school year!

Thank you for your continued support,

-Your BSAS Staff and School Board