Greetings Bellevue Community Schools!

As we prepare to welcome students back for the 2021-2022 school year, please know that our district is committed to ensuring that protocols are in place to continue to mitigate the COVID-19 virus. Given the current data related to COVID-19 cases in the Barry, Eaton, and Calhoun Counties, here is what you can expect from us:

**Cleaning**
We will continue the surface cleaning in our schools, along with the use of our electrostatic sprayers. We will encourage students to wash their hands, utilize hand sanitizer, and cover their mouths if they cough or sneeze.

**Contact Tracing**
We are still required by the Local and State Health Departments to contact trace and report cases for quarantine. We will still communicate with families during this process. If you choose to vaccinate your student, and you share that proof with us, you will not be required to quarantine, per the Barry-Eaton District Health Department’s current policy. We also will continue to track those students who have been positive within the 90-day window, as they also would not be required to quarantine. Please let us know if there has been a recent positive test for your student.

**Distancing**
When possible, we will continue to socially distance within the classroom, cafeteria, and in the hallways. We will continue to utilize outdoor spaces for learning and play.

**Face Masks on School Grounds are NOT Required**
As our local data indicates the risk level of contagion is low, we will not be requiring masks for students inside of the buildings; however, students can wear masks if they choose. This means masks will be optional for all staff, students, and visitors.

**Face Masks on School Buses are REQUIRED**
Currently, there is a federal health requirement for students and staff to wear masks on buses, but students can take the mask off when they arrive at their destination.

It is important to note, should we see increases in community transmission or there is an outbreak, we may need to review the mask requirement. For example, if there is a school outbreak or the local data becomes high, we would review the possibility of temporarily requiring masks, as an alternative to closing the building down or shifting to virtual programming.

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Health Screening
We will encourage parents to continue to screen their students daily for symptoms, and if they are ill, to keep them at home.

Sports/Extracurricular Activities
We will follow the local Health department and MHSAA requirements for activities.

Our goal is to ensure that we are following these protocols in order to minimize the risk of students and staff contracting the COVID-19 virus. We appreciate your help as we work together to keep our students engaged in face-to-face learning throughout the 2021-2022 school year.

Thank you,
Katherin Mohney, Superintendent