



BAD AXE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Bad Axe Public School Community:

With a new school year drawing near, it is important for our parents, students, and community to know what they can expect in regard to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. It took a collaborative effort last year from our staff, students, and parents to remain in-person for a majority of the school year. It was not easy, but together, we created a safe learning environment for our students during a pandemic. We are excited to welcome back our students for a new year starting on Tuesday, August 31st.

The CDC and more recently MDHHS released their Covid guidance for schools to begin the new school year. At this time, Bad Axe Schools will not require students or staff to wear facial coverings when in the classrooms and schools. There remains a mandate for facial coverings to be worn when using public transportation, including school buses, and we will follow that mandate for our daily bus runs as well as extracurricular trips. Students and staff may continue to wear masks if they choose and we will continue to have disposable masks available in our schools and on our buses.

Last year taught us the importance of having students physically present in our classrooms and in front of our highly skilled teachers for academic growth and success. We will not be offering our teachers to lead any virtual learning this coming year. This will be offered through online providers and those who wish to make this commitment for the full fall semester will need to contact your building principal.

We do ask parents to continue to monitor their child's health and keep them home when they are not feeling well. Vaccinations will not be required for attendance at school. We will conduct health screenings when a student appears symptomatic during the school day.

Our schools will continue to provide physical distancing to the extent possible during the school day. Similar to last year, we will continue to have a high standard of cleanliness with frequent cleaning of commonly touched surfaces, encouraging frequent hand washing and use of hand sanitizer, improved ventilation, and disinfection of our classrooms and buses.

One of the things we have learned since the beginning of this pandemic is that these guidelines are subject to change at any time. Bad Axe Schools will continue to follow all mandates that are set forth by state and local officials as well as by MHSAA. Hope you enjoy these last few weeks and we look forward to an exciting school year!

Partners in Education,

Gregory M Newland, Superintendent
Bad Axe Public Schools

District Vision Statement

Empowering successful learners for today, tomorrow, and the future.

District Mission Statement

Bad Axe Public Schools is committed to providing quality education for all students to reach their highest potential academically, socially, and physically.