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Dear Beaver Creek Families and Staff,

The Beaver Creek Governing Board met in a special meeting on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 7:15 AM to discuss the Mask Mandate. During the meeting, data was reviewed from the CDC, the Arizona Department of Health, and from family and staff surveys.

According to the Arizona Department of Health, Yavapai County, as of today the county is in the Moderate Transmission (<https://www.azdhs.gov/covid19/#schools-dashboard>). Furthermore, in our community, new cases of Covid 19 are being reported weekly.

Therefore, the Governing Board has approved a modified mask requirement for at least the last 16 days of school. The modified mask requirement is as follows:

- Students and staff must still arrive on campus wearing a mask (drop off or on the bus).
- In the School Office and Health Office, masks are required for adults and students.
- In grade level classrooms, teachers have the discretion of allowing no masks when students are at least three feet apart.
- Students must still wear masks while transitioning with their class from one location to another.
- In small group sessions and specialist classes, masks will be required.
- In Art and PE classes, masks will be required as students cannot always remain three feet apart for group activities.
- All the other CDC guidelines in the Beaver Creek School District mitigation plan still apply including handwashing, disinfecting, and monitoring for symptoms.

As for the plans for the Kindergarten Graduation, Preschool Graduation, and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Promotion, teams are working on logistics, but we know they will include physical distancing of students, invited small family cohorts physical distancing and wearing masks, and an opportunity to celebrate the students' successes!

Thank you for supporting Beaver Creek School this year. Everyone has done an amazing job of keeping our kids, staff, and families safe and well!