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Dear BCS Families and Employees,

In keeping with our commitment to the health and safety of all students and employees, masks and face coverings will continue to be required for Birmingham City Schools after the state mandate expires on Friday, April 9, 2021.

All students, faculty staff and visitors must wear masks or face coverings in BCS schools and facilities. The mask requirement includes traditional school and any other school-sponsored events such as graduation ceremonies. This is necessary because COVID-19 continues its impact on our community. Although the number of positive cases is decreasing, we must work to stop the spread of the virus.

We are optimistic about our ability to continue meeting the needs of our scholars at this time while maintaining health and safety protocols. More than 1,200 BCS employees have been vaccinated, and now, all individuals in the state ages 16 and up are eligible for the Pfizer vaccine.

We have about nine weeks remaining in this current school year, and we want to finish strong. Keeping the mask requirement in place will help us achieve that goal.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mark Sullivan, Superintendent
Birmingham City Schools