



Buck Mountain Central School

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Dear Parents, Guardians, & Caregivers:

Re: Student and Staff Safety in Buck Mountain Central School

The safety of our staff and students has been a continued priority to Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools. We have worked closely with schools, stakeholders, and families to take extra precautions this year in response to local events and a changing world. Today, Buck Mountain Central School and WRPS is announcing a temporary relaxation of policies at BMC.

Effective for November 21, 2022 until December 22, 2022:

- **Hats will be allowed to be worn in BMC, falling under typical school guidelines regarding appropriate attire. Hoods will not be permitted under this policy.**
- **No changes to the current backpack policy. Backpacks are to be placed in lockers upon arrival at school. No backpacks are to be worn around the school building.**
- **All school exterior doors, including the front door, are to remain locked at all times and opened for students to access during school entry times.**

Students will continue to enter and exit these schools using their designated doors, and parents/caregivers will continue to meet their children outside their dismissal doors. Students who arrive after the entry bell, as well as parents/caregivers, school visitors, and other guests will be welcomed in the office through the front doors after ringing the doorbell. This will allow for our staff to monitor who is in our buildings. Please assist the school staff in reminding your children, for safety reasons, not to open any locked doors for individuals attempting to enter the school. When the doors are locked, all individuals must approach the front door and follow the sign in procedure at the school.

Wetaskiwin Regional believes that the efforts of all staff, students, and families have allowed us to pull back precautions, and will reassess after this temporary period has concluded. A final decision on hats at these sites will be made following the Christmas break. We would like to thank everyone for their cooperation during the implementation of the precautions, and look forward to our continued partnership. Questions regarding these new and continued procedures, or any measures for student and staff safety, may be directed to Rick Haye, Deputy Superintendent at rick.hayes@wrps11.ca, or Jodie Mattia, Director of Learning Services at jodie.mattia@wrps11.ca.

Sincerely,

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