



4670 11th Street
East Moline, IL 61244
309-796-2500
309-796-2911 Fax

Christan Schrader
Director

February 6, 2022

Dear BHASED Parents and Guardians:

On Friday, a court ruling in Springfield resulted in a temporary restraining order preventing the Governor from enforcing his executive orders that require masks for all students, teachers, staff, and visitors, as well as requiring mandatory vaccinations or COVID-19 testing for school employees. Approximately 150 of Illinois' 840 school districts are named in the lawsuits; Black Hawk Area Special Education District (BHASED) was not named in the lawsuit.

Because BHASED was not one of the school districts named in the lawsuit, this order has no impact on the District's COVID-19 mitigation measures. We are aware that an appeal will be swiftly filed. An Appellate Court decision is expected on or before February 17th and will very likely provide a ruling that will have a broader and more definitive impact on public school districts.

Maintaining the health and safety of our students and staff members is our highest priority. Therefore, the current rules regarding masking and close contact exclusion requirements will remain in place.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christan Schrader". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Christan Schrader,
Director