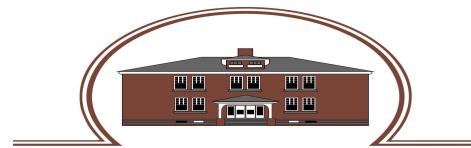


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September 15, 2020

Good afternoon BUUSD staff,

Please see the message below about masks with exhalation valves. This is being sent to our families this evening as well!

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We've had a few questions about masks with exhalation valves like the ones that are pictured below. After reviewing guidance from the CDC, these masks should not be worn in schools because the exhalation valve allows unfiltered exhaled air to escape the mask back into a classroom. These masks do protect the wearer but do not protect the people around them. If someone is wearing a mask with an exhalation valve in our schools, we will provide them with a cloth mask as an alternative. Thank you all for your understanding and cooperation as we help keep our schools safe.

