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Dear Families and Guardians

The Health and Safety Plan was revised. **Effective immediately on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 masking will be optional in the district for students grades K-12.** Students in the pre-k classrooms will continue to be required to mask due to the lack of ability to be vaccinated.

Please note that this decision does not impact the federal directive requiring all passengers and drivers to wear a mask on school buses. Students and drivers must continue to wear masks on school buses.

Additionally, we will update our policies with contract tracing and quarantining. Parents/Guardians of students who are identified as close contacts, **regardless of vaccination status**, have three options for their child:

- Test Upon notification of exposure. On day five the student may be tested by the family's healthcare or outside provider. Upon a negative test being received, the student returns.
- Quarantine behind the mask for 10 days after their last date of exposure. Students must properly wear a mask for 10 days while in the school setting. *If proper mask wearing is not followed the student will be asked to quarantine at home for the remainder of the quarantine period.*
- Quarantine at home for 10 days. The student must participate in assigned education in order for the days to be counted toward their attendance.

Direct contacts for COVID-19 are those individuals who are identified as being directly exposed to COVID-19 by the positive case. Parents and students are responsible for symptom monitoring; however, if a nurse and school staff see a child exhibiting symptoms they should act accordingly.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Mitchell