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Students, Parents, and Staff,

As you may have heard, the Wisconsin State Supreme Court has overturned the mask mandate implemented by Governor Evers to help battle the coronavirus in our state, communities and schools.

The School District of Greenwood will continue to require all students, staff and visitors to wear face coverings inside district buildings and school busses.

- ***Policy 8450.01 adopted by the School Board on December 14, 2020, provides the authority to require the wearing of appropriate face masks/covering during a declared public health emergency or a pandemic.***

It is the wearing of masks, physically distancing to the greatest extent possible, encouraging hand washing, and sanitizing that has allowed Greenwood Schools to operate in-person, 5-days a week; for all but 8 days during the first semester.

Yes, we have had positive cases and have quarantined students and staff due to close contact with positive individuals, but I am certain that the wearing of masks has reduced the frequency and scope of these quarantines.

I know I speak for the School Board when I say how proud we have been of our students, staff, parents and community with the wearing of face coverings. We all need to continue the commitment to wearing them to protect ourselves and those around us.

We all long for the return to normal, but the safest and faster path back is to continue to wear masks, physically distance, frequently wash hands and get your vaccination when eligible.

Together in education,

Todd Felhofer,
District Administrator / 7-12 Principal