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Pirate Students, Parents, Faculty and Staff,

As most of you are aware the state of Alabama ended their mandatory mask mandate on Friday, April 9, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. Although some cities, schools, and businesses in the state are still requiring masks to be worn, Winfield City Schools Board of Education voted at the March Board Meeting to allow masks to be optional at all three of our campuses. This action took effect this morning, Monday, April 12. Although we understand that some people will still want to continue to wear masks in classrooms, lunchrooms, and other common gathering areas, including buses, it is no longer mandatory, but completely voluntarily.

We have not had a positive Covid-19 case in our system since February 4th, but that still does not mean that we are loosening all restrictions. We will continue to disinfect between each class, and strive to maintain social distancing measures when we can. We will still have all our other cleaning protocols in place from the beginning of the year. If we do see a spike in cases, the Board has granted me the right to put the mask order back in place. We will continue to monitor all positive Covid cases in our community and especially in our schools to make sure cases do not spike.

I want to take a moment to brag on our faculty, staff and students for the successful year that we have had so far. While some systems in the state are just now returning to face to face learning, we have been doing that since August 20, with the only disruption a two week virtual learning period for our elementary students. They have done an incredible job this year following all the protocols that were put into place during last summer. Without all the extra work that our staff has done on a daily basis, we could not have been so successful. Our coaches, athletes, band director, band members, dance line sponsor and team, robotics sponsors and teams, along with all the other staff, volunteers, and students have done a great job having an almost normal school year. If someone had told me that in August, I would have not believed that the 2020/21 year would have been as close to normal as it has been. I commend everyone that has gone above and beyond their normal responsibilities to make sure our campuses have been safe and open all year. We plan to have the 2021 Prom on Thursday, April 15, and a graduation ceremony on May 28, without any attendance restrictions. Hopefully, we are beginning to see the end to this pandemic. Thank you all for your patience and understanding!

Sincerely,



Chris Cook, Superintendent
Winfield City Schools