

August 8, 2021

Highland CUSD No. 5 Parents and Staff,

Yesterday, Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker announced masks will be required for students, teachers and staff at pre-kindergarten-12th grade schools. The mask requirement is inclusive of youth sports and activities, with masks now required for all indoor extracurriculars and sports. In line with CDC guidance, masks are not required for activities outdoors where transmission risks and rates are lower.

Today's announcement differs from the reopening plan our school district recently adopted. At this time, we are reviewing the announcement and determining whether our plan needs to be amended. There are many factors and risks associated with the return to school plan. We are reviewing all possible actions at this time. We plan to communicate with you any changes as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support of Highland CUSD No. 5 and I look forward to a new school year!

Sincerely,

Michael S. Sutton, Superintendent