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Dear Parent,

As you are likely aware, our country, region, state and communities continue to deal with impacts of the pandemic. Our schools are no different. In fact, we have experienced a recent trend of more positive cases. In turn, other students have been impacted through quarantine. Our school board responded to this troublesome trend during a special board meeting this morning. USD 415 students, staff, and visitors will now be required to wear masks while inside our buildings. This requirement will begin tomorrow, 9/1/2021. It is scheduled to end on 9/14/2021. This will not apply to outdoor venues.

It is, and will remain, a district and board priority to keep our schools open and do so as safely as is possible. Achieving such a balance is never easy or perfect. The belief is that this step will better address the safety of our staff and students and will effectively prevent the need to quarantine many students.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely

Lonnie Moser, Superintendent