

November 18, 2021

Dear Galesburg-Augusta Community Members,

In August 2021, the Board of Education voted to have parents decide whether or not their Middle School and High School students wear masks, while our K-6 students were required to wear them in the classroom. On December 17th, 2021, the county's K-6 mask mandate expires.

When the new year begins and students return to school on January 3, 2022, it will once again be optional for Middle School and High School students to wear masks during school sponsored events. In addition, parents of primary school students will now also be given the choice to have their children wear masks, or not, at school sponsored events. We are not yet sure whether the requirement to wear a mask on school buses will be lifted. In addition, we should emphasize that the CDC still strongly encourages wearing masks in school. Should you have any questions, please contact your building principals.

Sincerely,

Wendy Maynard-Somers

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