



North Little Rock School District

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Dear North Little Rock School District Community,

Since we returned from the holiday break, we had to make a number of decisions for the health and safety of our students and staff. We remain focused on being able to provide high-quality teaching and learning while maintaining a safe and healthy environment for our students and staff, which remains our priority. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

We continue to monitor our [NLRSD COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#), which can be found on the website, and is updated daily. In fact, based on our trend data of low numbers of positive cases and quarantines, our school district's procedures for stopping the spread of COVID-19 is working. As such, our masking policy, social distancing, hand washing, and other measures will remain in effect.

As a result of our COVID-19 data, we will lift some restrictions, **beginning Tuesday, February 1, 2022**, which include the following:

- **The number of spectators who can attend indoor and outdoor venues may return to facility capacity.** Those attending will still have to be screened, social distance as appropriate, and will be required to wear masks.
- **Volunteers for PTA and adult-youth mentoring will be allowed onto our campuses, at the discretion of the building principal.** These specific volunteers must follow the district's mask requirement policy and must undergo screening before being allowed on our campuses. Volunteers must have a successful background check in order to enter our buildings. [This link](#) allows you to access a form that must be completed and submitted to Ms. Crystal Barker, Parent and Family Engagement Coordinator, by email at barkerc@nlrsd.org.
- **Local field trips will be allowed at the discretion of the building principal.** Staff will follow district guidelines as it relates to field trips. Participants will be urged to abide by the health guidelines that have proven to be successful on our campuses. Schools will communicate field trips with their respective communities.

At this time, we will continue our policy to not allow visitors in our buildings during school hours. We know that many of our visitors, for instance, like to have lunch with our students, particularly at the elementary level. Eating lunch requires individuals to remove their masks.

We will continue to monitor this and will communicate when we believe it is safe enough to allow visitors.

We will continue to follow our COVID-19 guidelines, which are posted on our website and [can be viewed here](#). We stand ready to make adjustments at a moment's notice if we determine there is a drastic change in the number of positive cases and quarantines. Our top priority is to ensure the health and safety of our students and staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Pilewski", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gregory J. Pilewski, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools