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Community High School District 117 Families,

Many of you may be aware that Community High School District 117 was named in a lawsuit regarding Covid mitigations. The lawsuit, *Austin v. Pritzker* was brought by parents across Illinois against 145 school districts and the state regarding the mask mandate and the requirement that school districts exclude close contacts from school. The lawsuit is challenging Governor Pritzker, the State's and District's authority to mandate the wearing of masks in school, and to exclude students who are close contacts to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. The lawsuit is seeking class certification, which, if granted, would apply to all students in the District rather than only the named participants. The results of the lawsuit hearing may occur as early as today, Thursday, January 20, but more likely in the next few days.

I will provide another communication when I learn the specifics of the decision from the court. The District appreciates your continued support as we strive to provide safe, uninterrupted in-person learning.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jim McKay

Superintendent



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Serving the communities of Antioch, Lake Villa, Lindenhurst and Old Mill Creek
Community High School District 117, being a community of learners with a vision of excellence, is committed to providing an educational experience that encourages all learners to develop to their fullest potential, to engage in lifelong learning, and to be responsible members of society