

## Kickapoo Area School District S6520 State Hwy 131 Viola WI 54664-8528

February 10, 2022

Dear Kickapoo Families;

At the board meeting on February 9, 2022 the decision was made to remove the mask mandate at our school beginning Monday, February 28th. At this time masks will become recommended not required of students and staff. Effective immediately, at all after school activities masking is recommended but not required.

If either the Elementary school or MS/HS exceeds a 3% positivity rate over the prior 7 day period this will trigger a 14 day masking requirement. The board and administration feel that with the availability of vaccinations for those who choose them, it is the right time to relax the masking requirement. The district retains the flexibility to implement masking requirements within classrooms or grades if it is felt to be necessary based on virus activity.

Masking continues to be necessary on our buses until March 18, 2022. If the federal order is extended this may require an extension of this policy.

Students returning to school from isolation will still be required to mask for 5 days in the building as part of the quarantine policy post isolation. This applies to any activities in the building, including after school activities. If parents do not feel comfortable with this, they can keep their child(ren) out of school for the whole 10 day period.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this school year. Our goal has always been to be inperson for instruction all year long because it is best for student learning. We are still committed to this goal.

With appreciation,

Doug Olsen Superintendent