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Dear Jersey CUSD #100 Families and Staff,

As previously communicated to you, since the time of the Circuit Court's ruling in the Sangamon County litigation, the District changed the enforcement of its mask policies. The Board of Education took action by a 7-0 vote on February 17, 2022 to amend the District's COVID-19 Mitigation Plan to specifically note:

The use of universal masking is highly recommended for all staff and students but is not required within the building.

Given the Appellate Court's order of February 17<sup>th</sup> and the status of the ongoing litigation, the decision by JCAR to not extend the emergency rule, and the changed circumstances and recommendations of the Jersey County Health Department, the Board has made this decision going forward. The Board and Administration will continue to review the legal requirements, consult with stakeholder groups, and work with the bargaining units to maintain a safe learning environment.

If you are a parent or guardian of Jersey CUSD #100 and you are concerned with health issues in your home or concerned with your student attending school with these changes, please contact your student's principal for possible remote options.

The Board and Administration will continue to regularly review our COVID-19 mitigation plan to prioritize the ability to keep classrooms open.