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Dear Parents and Guardians,

On September 29th, 2020 the Iowa Department of Public Health sent out new guidance regarding contact tracing in regards to close contact with an infected person with COVID-19. Previous to September 29th, 2020 even if you were wearing a mask, as long as you were within 6 feet of an infected person for 15 minutes, you were to quarantine for 14 days. On September 29th, 2020 IDPH changed their guidance that if an infected party is wearing a face mask and the people considered to be close contacts, again within 6 feet for 15 minutes, is wearing a face mask, then the healthy party does not need to quarantine. **On October 5th, 2020 we will be requiring the use of masks by our staff and students when social distancing cannot occur. This will include in the classroom and on buses.** The reason for our change is to keep as many healthy people, students and staff, inside our walls as possible. There will be breaks from the masks, and when social distancing can occur the mask does not need to be worn. Thank you for your understanding with this matter, as we are making every effort to keep your student safe and in the building receiving the education they deserve. If you have any questions please reach out to me.

Respectfully,

Adam Eggeling
Superintendent/PK-8 Principal
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