

November 5, 2021

Good Afternoon Families:

I would like to start out by saying thank you for your help and support as we have successfully started this school year. It has been great to get through the first quarter of the school year having our students in our buildings, working with their peers, and participating in activities.

As you know, we have moved to optional masking within our school buildings, and that has been going very well. We are happy to provide families with the option of choice. Although we are allowing choice within our buildings, it is still important to remember that due to federal orders, masks continue to be required on all school buses. With masking required on buses for transportation, including field trips and co-curricular activities, please continue to send your child to school each day with a mask. We will also continue to have these available for students, staff, and visitors to our buildings. They may also be useful in close contact or group situations as an extra layer of protection for themselves, their peers, and staff.

We are asking for your assistance and help in having your child wear a mask on our buses. I boarded the buses yesterday to remind our students of our district expectations and that although these are optional in our buildings, they are not on the buses. I reminded them that this is a “have to do” and this is not a decision that we can make as a district.

Until this becomes a decision we can make, the District will remain compliant with the federal order. We will follow a progressive disciplinary approach for students not following bus safety rules with in-school consequences that could lead up to bus suspensions.

Our bus drivers’ job is to keep their focus on the roads in order to get our students to and from school safely. Your help and cooperation in talking with your child(ren) on this issue will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you, be well, and we appreciate your support!

Ryan G. Rieber
Superintendent