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Good Afternoon West Salem Families and Staff:

In revised guidance that was released over the weekend, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) clarified the Transportation Secretary Administration's (TSA) mask mandate for public transportation. This clarification concluded that the mask mandate does not apply to public or private schools, including early care and education/child care programs. With this clarification, the School District of West Salem will move to have optional masking on all school transportation including field trips and co-curricular activities.

Thank you again for your patience and understanding as we have navigated these past two years. I am pleased with where we are at and what we continue to do for our students, staff, and community!

Thank you for your help, support, and cooperation!

Ryan G. Rieber Superintendent