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Dear Families and Community,

After reviewing the most recent COVID data with public health and our school nurses we are extending the mask mandate. The Board of Education will review the recommendation to continue masking through November 23, and at that time we will again review data to determine next best steps.

This week we have had daily conversations on how to continuing offering in person programming due to staff shortages. We have been changing staff assignments and covering supervision in creative ways. In order to keep our schools open, this additional layer of protection will remain in place. Please reach out if you can offer even one day of substitution or would consider job sharing. Some parents find benefit in working 2 days of a job, connect to their child's schedule, and access our benefit package. [Click here to learn more about current job openings or becoming a substitute for the district.](#)

We continue to face the challenges of the pandemic, and will continue to adjust our response as the numbers change in our community. While we do the best we can with the information available, my hope is we will continue to offer those around us grace and patience.

Respectfully,

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