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Dear Parents:

It is hard to believe that school is only two weeks away with many of the teachers and staff busy getting everything prepared for the students to return on Wednesday, September 1st. Along with the classroom preparedness, we have been following the latest information regarding COVID and would like to update everyone on changes in our plans.

Starting off, all students and staff will now be required to wear masks when students are in the building and/or classrooms, and it is recommended that staff wear masks when students are not. For our outdoor activities or classrooms, masks will not be required, but recommended for those that wish to. This is a change from the previous notice for a number of reasons. The adult population has the ability to vaccinate if they choose, but the majority of our students do not. Until they have the opportunity, or the threat of students contracting the virus is minimized, we owe it to our students to provide a safe environment for teaching and learning. Despite the relatively low numbers of cases and hospitalizations in Franklin County, I do not feel comfortable saying we are safe enough to guarantee a COVID-free environment.

During the first days of workshops and student days, students and staff will be updated on all of our expectations. These procedures and protocols will be consistent with recommendations from the DOE and the CDC, and will also involve communication with local school districts and healthcare providers.

In closing, whichever practices and procedures we embrace, it will not be without its supporters or detractors. I want to thank all the parents that reached out to share your support and your opinions as we work to provide the best educational environment for our students and staff.



Sincerely,

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Superintendent & Principal