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Dear Parents:

On Monday, U.S. District Court Judge Robert Pratt issued a temporary restraining order that stops enforcement of a state law banning mask mandates. This past week, some Iowa school districts reimposed mask mandates. I have consulted with the Board of Regents office. At this time, ISD campus administration will not reimpose last year's protocol that required everyone to wear face masks in buildings. Depending on the final order from the Judge and in consultation with the Board of Regents, we may change the protocol at that time.

I want to repeat what I said in communication at the start of school. Though some staff and only a few students tested positive for COVID last year, we have no evidence that the virus spread from staff to students or from students to staff. I strongly encourage you to have your child wear a mask because:

- We all wore masks last year and were successful in limiting the spread of COVID on campus.
- Research and evidence say wearing masks reduces the spread of COVID, influenza, and other viral illnesses.
- The CDC recommends universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status.

I also want to remind you that wearing a mask remains a personal decision. I expect our staff and parents to respect each other's choice on this matter.

More information from the CDC can be found at [Science Brief: Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 in K-12 Schools and Early Care and Education Programs - Updated | CDC](#)

Thank you for your support as we work together to ensure your children are safe and that we have a successful school year.

Sincerely

Steve Gettel