

September 10, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians:

On Wednesday evening (September 8, 2021) the Board of Education met to consider an adjustment to the fall opening plans as those plans relate to the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, the Board considered and approved a change to the plans related to face coverings in the schools. At this time, the Board has implemented a plan based on local in-school metrics as described below:

- Masking will remain optional, but the District Administrator is directed to implement mandatory masking at a school building level when either of the following conditions exist:
  - Positive case count at a school is 1.5% or greater of the total occupancy by students and staff

And/or

  - Quarantine count at a school is greater than 8% of the total school occupancy by students and staff.
- Masking will remain in place for a minimum of two weeks, and for masking to return to optional, the case and quarantine counts must fall below those levels listed above.

As is stated above this plan is implemented at the building level, so it is possible that one school building is masking while the other is not. In implementation of this plan, if masking should be required, the District will work to notify students, staff and parents the day prior to masking being implemented using our Infinite Campus messaging system and through in-school announcements.

The goal of the District is to keep school open. This measure is meant to try to slow the spread of COVID once it has been documented in the school buildings in an effort to keep classrooms and school in session in person. To monitor our current COVID status of cases and quarantines, you can visit the District's COVID Dashboard on the District's website homepage: <https://www.pesd.k12.wi.us/> Further, in an effort to keep school open and staffed, our teachers and aides will begin masking when in close proximity of students, many already do this, but this will be universal for staff starting on Monday.

As was the case last year, we ask for your continued patience as we make adjustments to the ever changing situation. This has not been easy on our students, parents and staff alike. We realize that this is not the ideal plan for all people, but your cooperation is critical in helping us keep school open.

Sincerely,

Kyle Cronan  
District Administrator