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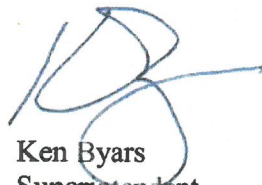
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Dear ASD Family,

Last week, the district decided to follow the Mississippi Department of Health guidelines for K-12 schools in efforts to keep our staff and students safe. Furthermore, these guidelines allow for more staff and students to stay in school compared to last year due to the quarantining of close contacts rule changing for masked students. The initial guidance said that all staff and students must either be vaccinated or wear a mask at school. On July 30, 2021, the guidance has now changed to universal masking for ALL staff and students regardless of vaccination status. The reason for this change by MSDH is that the proportion of cases and hospitalizations among children less than 18 years of age is rapidly increasing. Pursuant to this updated guidance, all staff and students will wear a mask at school while indoors regardless of vaccination status. This is a fluid situation, and we will constantly review state and local data in hopes that we can relax these guidelines and still have a safe and productive year for all. I have attached a copy of the updated guidance. We will also release our updated specific procedures and guidelines for all school settings later on today. I ask for your cooperation and patience during these tough times.

<https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/ static/resources/14912.pdf>

Sincerely,



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