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To School District of Marshfield Families and Staff:

Given the newly updated mask guidance that was released yesterday by the CDC, I am writing to clarify that the School District of Marshfield will maintain its face covering requirement for students, staff, and visitors through the remainder of the 2020-21 school year.

Please be aware the updated CDC mask guidance for fully vaccinated individuals does not apply to school settings. In a communication released by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services earlier today, the following was noted about K-12 schools:

*Mask wearing, regardless of vaccination status, continues to be an important COVID-19 mitigation strategy in schools, correctional facilities, homeless shelters, and other settings where additional regulations exist.*

*As of now, the CDC's school guidance remains unchanged. Most students will still be unvaccinated and schools should follow CDC's guidance for schools. Teachers, school administrators, and staff should continue to follow CDC's school guidance until more people and children are vaccinated. Students and staff on buses should continue to follow all masking and physical distancing guidelines.*

Once again, I acknowledge that the many COVID-19 safety and mitigation measures we continue to have in place throughout the school district may seem more and more challenging with each passing day, but we've come so far, and the end of the school year is just a couple of weeks away. I greatly appreciate everyone's willingness to hang in there and help us finish the school year as safely and successfully as we can.

Thank you for helping us finish the year strong!

Dr. Ryan Christianson  
Superintendent