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Dear Parent or Guardian,

In response to the latest guidance from the Health Department concerning the wearing of masks, the school district is making a change regarding the wearing of face shields only. When the reopening plan was written and rolled out the district wanted students and staff to have options on what type of face covering to wear. At that time we believed that masks or face shields would be acceptable. However, we have since learned that face shields only provide protection for the eyes of the person wearing the shield. They do not provide protection for the people around the person wearing the face shield. Therefore, beginning Tuesday, September 8th, students who wear face shields will also be required to wear masks.

This change does not mean that students will be required to wear their masks for 100% of the school day. There will be opportunities throughout the day for students at all levels (grades K – 12) to remove their masks.

This change will enhance our ability to keep coronavirus from spreading in our schools.

This change does not affect students who were exempt from the mask rule due to medical conditions.

This change also applies to staff members.

Please reach out to your school's principal if you have any concerns regarding this change.

Sincerely,

Mark Durham
Assistant Superintendent

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