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Dear Ringgold Families,

On December 15, 2021, the Ringgold School Board voted to amend its Health and Safety Plan to **require that students and staff wear protective masks when attending school**. This amendment will take effect **beginning Friday, December 17, 2021**.

The decision aligns with the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Pennsylvania Department of Health for the continued and universal indoor masking of all teachers, staff, students, and visitors of K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status. It is also due to the ongoing threat that COVID-19 and its variants pose to the general population, as well as the negative impact that the current cycle of contact tracing and quarantining is having on our students' overall academic growth and development.

Beginning Friday, December 17, 2021:

- Students and staff are **required to wear protective masks** when attending school and all school functions within the Ringgold School District.
- Students and drivers will **continue to be required to wear protective masks** on all District provided transportation.

As additional reminders to help us continue to limit the spread of the virus:

- All students riding District provided transportation will have assigned seats.
- Students must stay in their assigned seats for the duration of their travel time.
- Students who violate the seat assignment rule risk having their bus riding privileges revoked.
- When you wear a mask, you protect others as well as yourself. Masks work best when everyone wears one.
- A mask is not a substitute for social distancing. Masks should still be worn in addition to staying at least 3-6 feet apart, especially when indoors around people who don't live in your household.
- Masks should completely cover the nose and mouth and fit snugly against the sides of your face without gaps.

Thank you again for your continued compliance and consideration for the safety and wellbeing of your fellow Ringgold students and families.

Sincerely,

Randall Skrinjorich

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