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Eagle Families:

Thank you so much for being great communicators about any questions you have about illnesses or quarantines. We appreciate you keeping us informed quickly and working with us and the County Health Office to keep our family safe. At this month's Board of Education Meeting, our school district adopted an Essential Worker Resolution. This enables our staff members to be a school more to continue to provide great education to our kids. What this means for you and your family:

1. Staff members that would be quarantined due to close contact in the community or at school, will still be able to work, provided they are without any symptoms and provided it is not a close contact from a positive case in their home. If that is the case, they will have to stay quarantined.
2. We are therefore, mandating masks, beginning Dec. 1 when we return to school for all staff. This will help them stay healthy and in school.
3. We are **HIGHLY RECOMMENDING** that students all wear masks.
 - a. Students that are deemed a close contact for a positive case at school, who wear a mask every day, will not have to be quarantined, provided they are without any symptoms and provided it is not a close contact from a positive case in their home. If that is the case, they will have to stay quarantined.
 - b. Students will need to provide their own masks moving forward. We have purchased masks at the beginning of the year, as well as gator guards for each student. They are welcome to use those or others that you provide. They will need to wear them correctly to be considered wearing them for quarantine rules to apply.
 - c. If you chose to not have your child wear a mask, at this point, that is your choice. But if there is a close contact at school and they do not wear a mask, they will be quarantined in accordance with county health guidelines.
 - d. They will not have to wear masks during any physical activity or at lunch.
 - e. Students on all busses are still required to wear a mask at all times. Again, we provided a couple of options to each student. If they have lost those, please send them with one and ask them to use it daily, as they will be using them in school as well.

Again, we thank you for your ongoing communication and appreciate your cooperation in helping our kids stay in school. We have worked hard to help make that happen by conducting extra cleanings, disinfecting and fogging of the facilities, and providing water bottles and face coverings for all.