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Dear Parents,

We have been in school for 56 days. In recent weeks, our counties have seen an increase in positive COVID-19 cases. Ida County and Sac County have an average more than 25% positivity rate during the past 14 days. We have also seen an increase in the number of students quarantined due to a direct contact with someone who has tested positive to COVID-19.

In late September, Governor Reynolds gave schools a new protocol to help keep students in school. If a student tested positive for COVID-19 and any student who would be considered a direct contact were both wearing masks, only the student who tested positive for COVID-19 would be required to stay home for 10 days. This has helped us to not send students home for quarantine due to exposure at school.

On November 16, 2020, both the Galva-Holstein and Schaller-Crestland School Boards approved a mask mandate for all students and staff. The mandate will require that masks be worn at all times with exception of outdoor recess, physical education classes, while eating lunch and while at athletic practices. The school boards will revisit the mask mandate monthly to determine if the mask mandate is still necessary.

We know the importance of having students in school and providing them with in person instruction. By implementing the mask mandate, we believe this will help keep students in school during this pandemic.

I want to be as transparent as possible about the current situation in our buildings. So, every Tuesday I will be providing updated information on the current status of COVID-19 in our schools. This will be located on our website under COVID-19 Updates.

Sincerely,

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