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Dear Caddo Families,

As we continue to navigate this unprecedented time together, the focus for our district remains on ensuring the highest-quality educational opportunities for every child.

The weeks and months since we first heard of COVID-19 in March 2020 have brought with them enhanced knowledge about the virus and provided us opportunities to implement the best practices mitigation and keep our schools open for in-person instruction.

Thank you for your support as we have worked to keep our students, teachers, staff members, and families safe with the focus on giving our students the strongest academic foundation possible. We know life has been anything but normal in these last 20 months, and that brings with it challenges. As a school system, it has been our commitment to work to identify those challenges and implement safe solutions as quickly as possible.

Beginning at the end of the day today, masks will become optional for students and staff as a part of the Caddo Parish School Board's mitigation protocols.

In adopting a mask-protocol option in alignment with Gov. John Bel Edwards' latest order, the district has updated its quarantine guidelines to address masking options. Families can visit www.caddoschools.org/caddostrongstart to learn more about these guidelines and other prevention measures the district is taking to provide in-person learning and keep campuses safe.

Please know we continue to work closely with our local, state, and federal partners to receive the latest information on COVID-19. This includes monitoring the rate of COVID-19 transmissibility in Caddo Parish. Following the Board's action, the district will implement a universal masking protocol in the event percent positivity rates for Caddo Parish exceed 5 percent for two consecutive weeks.

Together, we must remain vigilant against this virus. This includes taking precautions including masking, vaccination, physical distancing, frequent handwashing, testing, and close monitoring of symptoms including fever, cough, and loss of taste or smell.

Happy holidays from our Caddo Schools family to yours.

Sincerely,

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