



August 19, 2022

Dear Jennings Families:

As we begin the 2022-2023 academic year, COVID-19 cases continue to occur in our communities. Over the last several years, information on how to effectively manage the disease has developed. Our collective goal is to minimize the impact and disruption on our most vulnerable community members, community resources and the ability to maintain effective in-person teaching and learning by keeping students and teachers in school. This will require the community's cooperation and support.

Vaccinations help to minimize contracting the virus, however, it cannot absolutely prevent contraction, it simply helps to mitigate side effects and symptoms. That being said, it is critical that you and your children stay home when you are exhibiting symptoms of the virus. Coupled with the use of available testing resources to reduce inadvertent spread within our schools, home-testing kits are readily available and neighboring testing sites can be found on our district website. Our school nurses are invaluable and can also provide guidance and support when needed.

As we enter our fourth academic year of being impacted by COVID-19, we will remain mask optional for the 2022-2023 academic year. All are reminded, any evidence of increased transmission rates nearing the 2%-5% threshold will be immediately notified to reinstate mask requirements- this is not an option and will be school/building specific only.

Our priority is to keep in-person learning available for all students and to minimize any interruptions to the upcoming school year.

Thank you for your cooperation and support during this time.

Sincerely,

Dr. Paula D. Knight  
Superintendent of Schools