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Dear Tri-County Families,

Yesterday evening, Governor Walz announced an end to the state-wide mask requirement. This announcement followed new guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), stating that fully vaccinated individuals no longer need to wear a mask. Minnesotans who are not fully vaccinated are strongly recommended to wear face coverings indoors.

The CDC has not yet provided clear guidance for school settings, but has stated that they expect to update guidance for children in school and summer camps soon. Additionally, our youngest Minnesotans remain ineligible for vaccines and eligibility for 12- to 15-year-olds was just announced this week. As a result, Minnesota's Safe Learning Plan, along with the existing face covering guidance for schools and child care settings, remain in effect. Through the end of the 2020-21 school year masks must continue to be worn by everyone inside school buildings or on a school bus.

We have done so much this school year to keep our students safe and healthy. We are EXTREMELY proud of all our students, staff and families for their help in doing that. With just 10 student contact days left, we want to encourage our students and families to finish strong and healthy.

If anything changes before now and the end of the year, we will send an alert indicating the changes.

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