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Good Afternoon,

Our district's COVID-19 mitigation procedures outlines that the wearing of face masks in our district be guided by the **local** incident rates and COVID-19 school data. Thankfully, Ohio County has experienced declining rates of Covid in the community and in schools. These changes have prompted several discussions with the Board Members over the last couple of weeks. This is not a decision that any of us take lightly.

Taking into consideration our local factors, including: Low County Incident Rate, Low School District Quarantines, Low School District Positive Cases, and Higher Local Hospital Capacity-- **starting this Monday, November 15th, masks will be OPTIONAL, but recommended, in our schools, including preschool.** Any student or staff member who wishes to wear a mask will be welcome to do so.

Per federal order number 86 FR 8025, **masks WILL STILL BE REQUIRED on school busses** at all times.

Students who attend classes at **Ohio County Area Tech Center** (Vocational School) **WILL BE REQUIRED** to wear masks per state guidelines.

We are committed to providing in-person instruction 5 days a week in the safest manner possible. Therefore, we will continue to closely monitor our county's incidence rate, Covid positivity numbers in schools, and other local factors. If any of these factors indicate a need, we will implement universal masking again.

Thank you for always supporting Ohio County Schools. We know that every decision we make will not satisfy all, but please know that we make each decision based on what we believe is best for our students, staff, and community.

We are looking forward to seeing our students' smiling faces on Monday.

Have a great weekend!

Seth Southard
Superintendent

BOARD MEETS THIRD THURSDAY AT 6:00 P.M.

Non-Discriminatory Policy Statement

Students, their parents and employees of the Ohio County Board of Education, are hereby notified this school district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, genetic information, national or ethnic origin, political affiliation, age or disabling condition in employment, educational programs, vocational programs or activities as set forth in Title IX, Title VI, Section 504, and ADA. Any person having inquires concerning the Ohio County Board of Education compliance with Title IX, Title VI, Section 504, and ADA is directed to contact Christy Nofsinger, Ohio County Board of Education, P.O. Box 70, 315 East Union Street, Hartford, KY 42347, 298-3249, who has been designated to coordinate the district's efforts to comply with Title IX, Title VI, and Section 504.