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Rodriguez Broadnax

Dear Clintondale Families,

I trust this email finds you and your family safe and well.

Following the Board of Education's announcement this week, I am obliged to inform you that effective Monday, October 18, we are requiring face coverings for all PreK-12 students, teachers, staff, and visitors while inside our school buildings and facilities.

The mask mandate also applies to spectators at all of our indoor athletics and extracurricular events during and after school hours. However, it will not apply to student-athletes or game officials.

With a continued uptick in the rate of COVID-19 spread and severity, the Board's decision was made out of an abundance of caution in order to maintain in-person instruction. We hope this decision will prevent the need for prolonged quarantines or the transition to remote learning because of disease spread.

I realize that this is a depressing message and one I never envisioned when I became Superintendent that I would be compelled to send. I apologize that it is necessary but our top priority remains the health and safety of our students, teachers, and staff.

Everyone must wear face masks in all of our indoor communal areas such as classrooms and hallways when moving around the school, and in social spaces. Masks are not required while eating or drinking in the cafeterias.

Please talk this through with your children as many will be anxious and some of the younger ones, in particular, will no doubt be alarmed. Help us to help them understand why this is necessary, even if it is not a decision you yourself are comfortable with.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's school for more information.

I appreciate your patience as we work through these difficult times, and I thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Rodriguez Broadnax'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'R' at the beginning.

Rodriguez Broadnax
Superintendent
Clintondale Community School District