



KEENEYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT 20

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Dear Keeneyville District 20 Families,

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we have navigated the changing landscape over the last few days. Our top priority continues to focus on the health and safety of our students and staff. It is with the collaborative support of our entire community that we have been able to offer a stable in-person learning environment for our students. We thank you for your support.

You may have seen the news yesterday that the State of Illinois announced a shift to remove the indoor mask requirement throughout the state for most indoor spaces on Monday, February 28. Schools were specifically not included in this change. **However, Keeneyville School District 20 has made the decision to transition to a mask optional rule for all students and staff starting on this same date, Monday, February 28. Masks will continue to be recommended for students and staff following health and safety guidelines. Please note that if there is an unexpected change in the trajectory of the COVID-19 metrics or in the legal landscape (as a result of the pending Temporary Restraining Order or otherwise), we may need to return to a mask required rule in our schools at some point in the future.**

We are aware that this is a faster timeline for moving to mask optional than the governor announced yesterday for schools. We know that this timeline may feel too quick for some members of our school community, and too slow for others. However, we believe that the upcoming two-week period prior to February 28 will provide the time needed for the COVID-19 metrics to decline and for us to provide the necessary support for our students and staff in making this transition.

We expect that all students, staff, and visitors will continue to follow our current mask required rule for the next two weeks prior to February 28.

We appreciate your continued partnership and we will keep you well-informed of any updates or changes that may occur.

Sincerely,

Dr. Omar Castillo
Superintendent of Schools
Keeneyville ESD 20