

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AUBURNDALE

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The Board's face covering requirement will continue after the State mandate expires

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Happy Autumn Greetings District Families and Friends,

I hope you received our earlier post, alerting you to the second case of COVID-19 confirmed in our district. So far the effects of these positive cases have been kept to a minimum, and that is thanks to our careful safety practices approved by the School Board and exercised by all of our students and staff.

Our School Board of Education approved a reopening plan with several safety protocols in place, based in part on the recommendations of national, state, county, and local health authorities, and in collaboration with local and statewide school leadership. One very important protocol is the requirement for all students and staff to wear face masks that limit the aerosol spread of viruses, including the COVID-19 virus. This reopening strategy is a Board approved action that will remain in place, along with our many other safety measures, until the environment is such that it is wise to consider a change of course. <u>Should the</u> <u>state mandate for required face coverings expire our Board approved plan will be unaffected, and</u> <u>masks will continue to be required in our schools</u>, until health authorities and our local situation are such that the reopening plan can be re-evaluated.

I thank all of you, especially our staff and students, for our willingness to put up with a bit of inconvenience in order to contribute to the greater health and safety of our student body, our staff, and our community. The compassion and considerate patience that the greater Auburndale District community continues to show, especially during these difficult times, is a very large part of what makes this one of the best districts in the state, a wonderful place to work, live, and to call home.

Mr. James Delikowski District Administrator School District of Auburndale Auburndale, WI