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Dear Parents & Guardians,

The Ralls County R-II Board of Education met in a regular monthly meeting last evening. Topics discussed included current COVID-19 positives among students and staff. At this time, we have multiple positive persons in our school community. Our quarantine numbers have been lowered due to our recent mask mandate which began December 1, 2020. The Ralls County R-II Board of Education meeting resulted in two main decisions on the topic of COVID-19:

1. **The mask mandate will be extended to include the entire month of January 2021.** COVID-19 positive cases within the school community and the county will be reviewed at the next regular meeting scheduled for January 14th. At that time a decision will be made about extending the mask mandate into February 2021. So far the mask mandate has allowed 35 students to remain in school for in person learning rather than being quarantined from school while monitoring symptoms as a close contact to a positive person.
2. **Masks will now be required for all activities and athletic events.** Phase #1 was implemented in October by limiting the number of tickets for spectators from other communities. Phase #2 is being implemented effective 12/11/20 to require all spectators, attendees, and guests at our hosted indoor events to wear a mask. This action will be monitored and if the COVID-19 positive numbers in the community, along with attendees not assisting in keeping our school facilities safe by wearing a mask occurs, Ralls County R-II will advance to Phase #3 by limiting the number of spectators, attendees, and guests at our events. Cameras are being installed December 21st to allow for online streaming of our live events at no charge to viewers. This will offer an additional opportunity for persons to view our events in non restrictive environments.

In other news, we are pleased to announce the free breakfast and lunch program has been extended and approved through the end of the 2020-2021 school year in May.

Sincerely,
Tara Lewis, Ed.D.
Superintendent