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Ramsey School Parents

I am reaching out to ask for continued patience and understanding as our district navigates the most recent COVID-19 guidance and legal situation.

Friday, Sangamon County Circuit Judge Grischow issued a temporary restraining order (TRO) prohibiting the defendant school districts from:

- (i) requiring students and teachers to wear masks, absent a lawful order of quarantine issued in conformance with the IDPH Act;
- (ii) excluding students and teachers based on an alleged close contact unless due process is afforded and IDPH procedures are followed; and
- (iii) requiring weekly COVID-19 testing for unvaccinated employees without first providing due process of law.

The Ramsey School District is monitoring the situation. We are aware the State has moved for a stay, and are awaiting further word on what will happen. In the meantime, it is the intention of the Ramsey School District to comply with the TRO until otherwise directed by the trial court or the appellate court.

Monday, February 7, 2022, the District will return to mask optional for staff and students, cease close contact exclusions, and stop weekly testing of staff. The District will continue doing the core infection practices to mitigate the spread of COVID -19. Please continue to monitor your child's health and exercise good judgement.

This court decision will be positive for some families and negative for others. It may change again before the end of the year depending on the appeal or other legal cases. However, the District's commitment to provide a safe learning environment for our staff and students will not change.

The Ramsey School District will keep the community apprised when and if any changes are made.

Thank you for your continued support.

Melissa Ritter, Superintendent