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To the Overton School Community:

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The goal of Overton Public School is to have students in our school building learning in a face-to-face classroom environment and to limit the time spent in a virtual learning environment due to the Covid-19 pandemic. For this reason we are requiring all students, staff, parents, and visitors to wear a mask or face shield when in our building during the school day. The following scenario is intended to provide a better understanding for this requirement. The first scenario does not require masks and the second scenario will be our learning environment.

Masks are not required:

An 8th grade student at Overton Public School receives a confirmed positive Covid-19 diagnosis from their health care provider. Per CDC and Health Department guidelines the following would occur:

- 1) The student would be required to quarantine for 10 days after the onset of symptoms.
- 2) All members of the student's household would be required to quarantine for 14 days from the onset of the student's symptoms.
- 3) All other direct contacts of the student would be required to quarantine for 14 days beyond their last date of contact with the student. (Direct contact is defined by the CDC as being within 6-ft of the positive person for 15 minutes. Direct contacts in this situation would include classmates, teachers, and other school members who had direct contact with the student.)

Under this scenario we risk losing an entire class along with multiple teachers to a directed quarantine order. The loss of this many teachers may force a long-term closure of the school building and a return to a remote learning environment.

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- 3) Since all students and teachers are required to wear a mask or face shield they are not considered a direct contact and would not be required to quarantine.

Under this scenario we would lose a couple of students (depending on the home size) but we would be able to continue face-to-face learning for the rest of the class while transitioning the quarantined family to a remote learning environment.

Parents/guardians will have the option to opt their child out of our mask/face shield requirement by completing the form your child will receive on the first day of school. These forms are due back to school by Friday, August 14, 2020. Please understand that by opting your child out of this requirement your child would fall into the 'other direct contacts' category in the first scenario and will be required to quarantine if they are determined to have been in direct contact with a student who receives a confirmed positive Covid-19 diagnosis. If you have any questions regarding this policy or our 20-21 opening plan, please contact myself or Mr. Aten.

Yours in Education,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B Fleischman', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr. Brian Fleischman
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