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Students, parents and community members,

At a special board meeting on August 25, the Woodlawn USD #209 board of education voted to approve a revised Return to School Plan which says masks must be worn by all students, staff and visitors in school buildings. This plan can be found the district webpage.

I know many of students, staff and parents are not happy to hear this, but it could be much worse. We did it all year last year and things went fine. Even if you don't like masks, the positive is that as long as everyone is masked this cuts the close contact distance down to 3ft instead of 6ft, which should keep a lot more kids in school.

Please keep in mind that there is not a single teacher, paraprofessional or administrator in the district that wants to tell kids they have to wear a mask all day. As a result, please direct any issues that you have with this policy to the proper officials in Springfield who make this decision and don't take them out on our staff.

Additionally, the district has created a COVID dashboard to track the number of positive cases within the district as well as the number of students who have been excluded from school for close contact. That information can be found on the district webpage under the District tab under "COVID-19 resources." This dashboard will be updated every Friday afternoon.

Sincerely,

Eric Helbig
Superintendent