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RE: Court Hearings on Current Lawsuits Against the District

Members of the HCUSD3 Community,

Today a Montgomery County Judge upheld the two current Temporary Restraining Orders (TROs) against the School District. The first prohibits the District from excluding close contacts from school without an order from the Health Department. The second prevents the District from requiring students to wear masks. Both TROs are part of ongoing lawsuits.

A very positive development in court today was that the Governor, the Illinois Department of Public Health, and the Illinois State Board of Education have been added to both lawsuits as necessary party defendants. Both the District and the plaintiffs supported the inclusion of these state agencies and the Governor. I think most in our community will agree that these fights about what the State can or cannot do should not be fought here at the local level.

PLEASE be respectful and patient with one another as we continue to navigate this difficult terrain. Let's stay mindful that we can all agree on one thing....we all want the best possible educational experience for our children.

Respectfully,

David E. Powell

The Hillsboro Community School District fosters a student-centered culture with high expectations for each student to reach his or her full potential.