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Reinstatement of Mask Requirement

HCUSD3 Parents and Students,

Today a Montgomery County judge dissolved the Temporary Restraining Order which had been precluding the School District from complying with the orders of the Governor, the Illinois Department of Public Health, and the Illinois School Board of Education to require all students to wear masks at school. Since the TRO has been lifted, **all students will be required to wear masks while indoors at school and on buses starting tomorrow, Wednesday, November 3.**

Now that all our students will be wearing masks, I anticipate that our indoor extracurricular contests with other schools will return to normal schedules and locations. In addition, the Test to Stay option in lieu of quarantine for close contacts will be applicable in most cases, greatly reducing the number of students needing to quarantine.

We are seeing an upswing in the number of cases in our schools. The last day and a half has brought 12 new cases resulting in over 50 quarantines. Had all students been wearing masks the number of quarantines would have been minimal.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to work through these challenging issues. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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.