



UPDATE

CCSD59 Families,

Late last night, the appellate court issued their ruling on the temporary restraining order (TRO) in the Sangamon County court case challenging the Governor's mask mandate for schools. The appellate court dismissed the appeal of the TRO by the Governor, and this ruling means the Governor's mask mandate for schools is no longer in effect.

With the appellate court dismissing the appeal, our district will move to a "masks recommended" environment starting Tuesday, February 22. The court confirmed that CCSD59 can implement its own mitigation measures. Based on this, the district will no longer hold a special board meeting next week. We are in the process of providing support and guidance for our staff as they prepare for this transition, and we will also plan to support all students as they transition to the masks recommended environment on Tuesday. You can view an overview of our upcoming mitigation changes by [clicking here](#).

We are asking all families to use this long weekend to discuss these changes with your child(ren). As always, we expect our CCSD59 community to show kindness and respect to each other in regards to family, student, and staff choice for whether or not they choose to wear masks. We want all students and staff to feel supported in their decision making, and we want to honor each individual's choice on this issue.

We know the past several weeks have been a challenging time for everyone in our CCSD59 community. We truly appreciate the patience, understanding, and grace that we have seen throughout the extent of the pandemic, and we remain hopeful we will continue to move forward together toward a return to normal as quickly as safely possible.

Thank you,

Dr. Terri Bresnahan
CCSD59 Superintendent of Schools

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