



New Lenox School District 122
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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

February 6, 2022

Dear NLSD 122 School Community,

On Friday, a court ruling in Springfield resulted in a temporary restraining order enjoining the Governor from enforcing his executive orders that require masks for all students, teachers, staff and visitors. Approximately 150 of Illinois' 840 school districts are named in the lawsuit. Our school district was named in this lawsuit. In light of this order, the District is required to shift to masks and quarantine "being recommended, but not required," beginning Monday, February 7. We will continue to require social distancing, hand washing/sanitizing, and cleaning protocols. Masks are still required on the school bus per federal guidelines.

Please note, the order issued by the Judge is being appealed to the appellate court and we will be required to reassess if the ruling is stayed or reversed. We will be in communication if changes are required.

Over the past two years, our students have faced many changes in their learning environment. I have watched them successfully navigate these changes due to the strong support from home and school. We have the most amazing school community! On Monday, our students will once again face a change. Some students will come to school wearing masks and some will not. In education, we call this a "teachable" moment. We ask families to take time prior to Monday to have a conversation with their child regarding the importance of respecting the personal choice of each member of our school community. What a wonderful opportunity to teach about kindness and respect!

As always, thank you for your continued partnership in providing the very best for the incredible students of New Lenox School District 122.

Sincerely,

Lori R. Motsch, Ed.D
Superintendent