



Collinsville Community Unit School District 10

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Kahok Families,

The district's 2021-22 Return to Learn Plan was available for public comment from July 23rd until July 26th on kahoks.org website. Additionally, a public hearing was held Monday, July 26th at 6:00 pm. More than fifty families provided feedback and asked clarifying questions regarding the plan. Their questions were collected, reviewed and placed into a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document to help provide clarity as the school year approaches. Please click on [this link](#) to access the FAQ.

When the Board of Education adopted the district's Return to Learn Plan this past Monday, July 26, we knew to expect changes in the days and weeks ahead. As predicted, on July 27th, the CDC and IDPH updated their guidance regarding masks for the coming school year. Our district will comply with the revised guidelines, effective immediately, and update our Return to Learn Plan accordingly with the following language:

*"In accordance with the CDC and the IDPH, universal masking is recommended for all teachers, staff, students and visitors in K-12 schools, regardless of their vaccination status. ***Per the Illinois State Board of Education, the district may REQUIRE staff and students to wear masks as a layered mitigation strategy during the school day or for part of the school day and/or an extended period of time. Therefore, it is expected that each child will carry a mask with them during the school day.**"*

The start of school on August 18th is quickly approaching and the district's Return to Learn Plan has already been updated to reflect the most recent guidance by the CDC and IDPH. We expect additional revisions in the days ahead as we review additional guidance from the CDC, IDPH, ISBE, legal counsel, local health departments and our district's insurance provider. This week exemplifies how fluid our Return to Learn Plan will be in the days and weeks ahead. Moving forward, each time a change occurs, it will be highlighted in the plan posted on our website to allow families to find the updates with ease.

Last, we remain focused on providing a full-day, five-day-a-week school schedule, while ensuring the health of our staff and students. While the constant change is frustrating for all of us, thank you for your constant dedication to our students. Don't forget to wear your purple and show your Kahok Pride!

Sincerely,

Mark B. Skertich, Ed.D.
Superintendent