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Greetings SPEED District 802 Family,

As many of you may be aware, on Friday, February 4, 2022, the Sangamon County Circuit Court granted a temporary restraining order (TRO) affecting certain school districts and specific individuals in those districts. The TRO temporarily suspended enforcement of mask mandates for students, and exclusion for asymptomatic close contacts. Due to a separate ruling limiting the scope of the litigation the TRO applies only to the parties of the lawsuit. SPEED School District 802 was not a party to that case, and therefore the TRO does not apply to SPEED.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, SPEED has been committed to maintaining a safe and healthy learning environment for our students and staff. In furtherance of that commitment and because we are not a party to the pending litigation, SPEED is maintaining its COVID-19 mitigation measures and protocols. Therefore, there will be no changes in SPEED's requirements next week. We will continue to require masking for everyone while indoors at school and while on school transportation, weekly COVID testing will continue, and we will follow our current practice for exclusion of individuals who are close contacts.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we continue to prioritize student and staff health and safety while providing in-person learning.

Respectfully,

Dr. Tina Halliman

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Superintendent of Schools

