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Dear DPS Family and Friends,

I am writing to notify you of a new change affecting all students and staff of Dickinson Public Schools.

On Friday, Governor Burgum issued Executive Order 2020-43, requiring:

- face coverings be worn in all indoor public spaces regardless of social distancing;
- face coverings be worn in all outdoor spaces where physical distancing of six feet or more is not possible;
- postponement of all extracurricular activities until December 14.

Starting today, students and staff will be required to wear face coverings at all times, excluding lunch when students are eating. We have been fortunate in the past to allow students the opportunity to remove their masks when properly social distancing; however, the current mandate no longer allows this practice and requires masks to be worn at all times in public buildings. We are hopeful that we can resume this practice upon the expiration of the mandate on December 14.

We will provide mask breaks for students throughout the day. School principals will work with their teams to identify those times. I understand that this may be frustrating news to some of you, but I continue to ask for your grace during this time. We will continue to update you as we get information in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Shon Hocker'.

Dr. Shon Hocker
Superintendent
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