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### **School Board Meeting Agenda Item**

Topic: COVID-Related Topics  
Contact(s):  
Presenter(s): Karsten Anderson, Superintendent

#### Nature of Action Requested

Board Action   
Board Information or Report

#### Background Information

### **COVID Data**

Joni Gorman and Lisa Steggerda update COVID data on a weekly basis after Goodhue County shares its data. Generally, this occurs on Mondays so the report will often be updated shortly before board meetings. The latest version is posted for your review.

Maggie Cichosz explained that “projected” data rates are based on actual data, not estimates based on trends. Cases move on or off county reports and sometimes there are reporting delays, so the word “projected” is used. Numbers on the county reports do not match the CDC website exactly due to reporting delays and the rolling nature of CDC’s data reporting. The Minnesota Department of Health no longer reports two-week case rates, but they do provide data of cases by county.

The COVID Data report now reflects adjustments to include the latest numbers. Even the latest figures may change as data is entered into county, state and federal tracking programs.

### **Learning Plan for 2021-22**

Changes are recommended for the Learning Plan for 2021-22. Criteria for changing face masking requirements, information about vaccinations, and information about testing are now included in the plan. The only significant recommended change relates to quarantining guidelines for E-6 students in households with positive cases:

Current Quarantining Plan for E-6 Schools:

The current board-approved quarantining plan for E-6 students is:

Elementary students in close contact with an infected person do not need to quarantine if the student and infected person were wearing masks appropriately during the sustained close contact. Otherwise, they will be quarantined.

Quarantined individuals may return on:

- Day 7 if there is a negative PCR result (not a rapid antigen test) taken on day 5 or later; or
- Day 14 if no test is taken or he/she is a household member of a positive case and is not vaccinated.

Therefore, elementary students may return to school after day 24 if they live with someone who tested positive for COVID (10 days for the infectious period plus 14 days).

Superintendent's Recommended Changes to Quarantining Plan for E-6 Schools:

The Superintendent's recommendations for changing the quarantining plan for E-6 students:

Elementary students in close contact with an infected person do not need to quarantine if the student and infected person were wearing masks appropriately during the sustained close contact. Otherwise, they will be quarantined. Quarantine begins after the last day of contact with an infected person.

Quarantined individuals may return after:

- Day 7 if there is a negative PCR result (not a rapid antigen test) taken on day 5 or later; or
- Day 14 if no test is taken ~~or he/she is a household member of a positive case and is not vaccinated.~~

The COVID Response Team agrees with the addition to the first paragraph but prefers not deleting "or he/she is a household member of a positive case and is not vaccinated." If approved as recommended by the Superintendent, an elementary student living with one person who tested positive for COVID would be able to return after day 17 (instead of 24) if there is a negative PCR result (not a rapid antigen test) taken on day 5 or later.

**COVID Face Coverings**

The latest version of Policy 808: Face Coverings is included as an attachment. There are no recommended changes at this time.

Recommendation

I move to approve changes to the Learning Plan for 2021-22 as presented.