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Parents/Guardians and Students of Saraland City Schools,

First and foremost, allow me to thank each of you for your trust and cooperation as we have and continue to work through these unprecedented times. Few school systems in Alabama have experienced the support our teachers, administrators, and especially school nurses have witnessed over the previous two years. Despite the challenges, the academic success attained by our students can be directly attributed to this support and the manner students have diligently worked with school personnel.

Monitoring and working to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 is a daily commitment in education that is now as integral as lesson plans. With that said, we have recently witnessed a downward trend in positive COVID-19 cases throughout our school system. Resultantly, Saraland City Schools will transition the indoor masking policy from “Mask Mandated” to “Mask Preferred” beginning Monday, September 27, 2021, where the choice to wear a mask/facial covering will not only be respected but will also be encouraged. Additionally,

- It is recommended that all students and teachers wear masks when unable to maintain physical distance within the school setting.
- Saraland City Schools will continue to monitor positivity rates for COVID-19, and the mask/facial covering mandate may be reinstated for the entire school system or individual schools should positivity rates increase.
- Parents/guardians are asked to continue to monitor their children for any symptoms of COVID-19. Please do not send sick children to school. Contact your school nurse with questions and to seek guidance on when a sick child should return to school.
- Saraland City Schools will continue to take precautions to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to ensure high quality face to face teaching and learning.
- Mask/facial coverings will continue to be required while students are transported on a school bus.

As we have recently reviewed data from last year’s administration of the Alabama Comprehensive Assessment Program (ACAP) it is evident that in-person instruction combined with the efforts of our students, teachers, and parents paid great academic dividends during the 2020-2021 school year. Let’s continue to work as a community to set a standard for education, providing the children of Saraland enriching opportunities as we push through the challenges associated with this historic pandemic.

With appreciation for our community,

Aaron Milner

Dr. Aaron Milner
Superintendent
Saraland City Schools