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Dakota CUSD 201 Statement of Compliance Regarding Mask Mandate

2021-2022

The District looks forward to welcoming students and staff back for the start of the 2021-2022. After thoughtful consideration and debate about masking in our school district, a majority of the board voted August 16, 2021 to follow Executive Order 2021-18.

Executive Order 2021-18 requires that all teachers, students, staff, and visitors to P-12 schools in Illinois who are two years of age or older must wear a mask indoors regardless of vaccination status. In accordance with the Dakota CUSD 201 Board of Education resolution, students and visitors must wear a mask indoors in all Dakota CUSD 201 facilities regardless of vaccination status. All athletes, participants and spectators must wear masks at indoor events and practices. All students and staff must wear a mask on school bus transportation. Any student who has a medical condition (e.g., difficulty breathing) that prevents him or her from wearing a mask must submit a medical certification from the student's health care provider to the District Office to be exempt from the mask requirement due to medical or disability reasons. The medical certification must indicate whether the student can wear a face shield in lieu of a mask.

Since the Governor's Order (which has the full force and effect of law) requires masks, Dakota CUSD 201 will not allow students, staff, and visitors to violate this mandate. We will implement the following measures:

For **students** without masks:

- We will not allow the student to attend classes or events.
- We will not force the student to wear a mask in opposition to their parent's directive, however they will be removed from class and remain in a safe and supervised area (with social distancing) until a parent is contacted and reliable transportation home can be arranged.
- This is not a disciplinary removal from school.
- In most cases it will be an unexcused absence due to the parent failing to follow the rules in sending their child to school.

For school **visitors** without masks:

- We will not allow these individuals to enter the building.
- This includes spectators at indoor athletic events.

Respectfully,

Jason Grey

Superintendent