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Dear CGUHSD Students, Parents, and Staff,

First, the Continuity of Learning Community would like to thank you for your input on the recent mask survey. The results are as follows:

- **Survey Question:** "Following Winter Break, beginning January 4 through January 14, 2022, CGUHSD is considering two weeks required masks for all students, staff, and visitors".
- **1696 Total Responses:** Parents - 921 Students -566 Staff members - 206
- **Response Breakdown:** Agree - 1075 Disagree - 611 Other - 2

On December 7, the Governing Board approved the recommendation to require masks while indoors at all sites for students, staff, and visitors for the two weeks following the return from Winter Break, beginning Tuesday, January 4, 2022, through Friday, January 14, 2022.

On Monday, January 17, we will resume the current requirement; masks required indoors on campus, and optional outdoors for all students, employees, and visitors, with an opt-out option, through the remainder of the 2021-22 school year.

Given the survey input, the environmental weekly benchmarks, the number of people vaccinated, and the number of staff and students who have contracted COVID-19 after holidays or extended weekends, the Continuity of Learning Committee met to determine a proposal to provide the Governing Board. The board accepted the proposal to require masks be worn inside the classrooms for two short weeks. School districts in Casa Grande have had to close classrooms and have had many students and teachers absent for extended periods of time because of COVID-19 complications, or because of COVID-19 outbreaks. CGUHSD wants to do what we can to minimize the transition of contagious diseases that infringe on the health and welfare of all, as well as do our part to ensure that student learning is not negatively impacted.

In summary, starting January 4, through January 14, 2022, masks **are required** for both students and teachers in classrooms. Starting on January 17, CGUHSD will return to masks being required indoors, as defined, optional outdoors, with an opt-out option. If you have already submitted an opt-out form to the school administration, you do not have to submit another one.

Thank you in advance for your support,



Dr. Anna Battle

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