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Dear Parents, Students, Staff:

As many of you know, Friday afternoon a Sangamon County Judge issued a temporary restraining order (TRO) for students and staff that prohibits excluding students or staff who object to wearing a mask or are close contacts without appropriate due process. In short, the court has declared IDPH's and the ISBE's Emergency Rules void. Please understand that whether this TRO remains in effect or not, the legal issue surrounding Covid in schools will likely remain fluid and unresolved.

In consultation with legal counsel, the Auburn School District will fully comply with the court's ruling, just as we complied with the Executive Orders. Again, it is our intent to abide by the TRO until otherwise directed by a stay order or the appellate court.

Throughout the pandemic, and all the challenges that it presents, we have not wavered from our intent to follow the advice of legal counsel and the directives from our governing bodies. In light of the ruling, effective Monday, February 7th :

- While masks will not be required, the district will encourage that all staff and students wear masks.
- Masks are still required on busses.
- Close contacts should also monitor symptoms, and be tested if symptoms appear. Please keep in mind, the school has normal health protocols for sending sick children home that we will continue to abide by.
- All other layered mitigation efforts will remain in place.

Darren J. Root
Superintendent
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