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SCSD Families,

I apologize for sending another letter so quickly, but it's important to make sure we're keeping you well informed as new information rolls through. Here are a couple of things to clarify and share with you.

The newly implemented St. Charles County modified quarantine protocol relies heavily on our students and staff wearing proper face coverings and wearing them correctly. Masks with any kind of vents/valves or one-ply gaiters are not considered acceptable during our newly modified quarantine protocol, per the St. Charles County Department of Health. So, if exposed, wearing an improper mask/gaiter covering will constitute a staff member or student to be quarantined for 14 days and will not be eligible to attend school during that time. Here is the [link](#) that clearly outlines proper face covering (mask/gaiter) protocol. This may be a change for your child, so please do your best to transition them into a proper face covering. Each school will also have disposable masks available to give a student if they need one for usage on a given day.

As stated in my letter yesterday, the new/modified quarantine protocol does make the process much more difficult for our principals to contact trace. So, please continue to work with your building administration and understand that if there is any concern regarding face coverings, students will be quarantined without the eligibility of attending school. Our principals are doing everything they can to keep everyone safe and learning. If in doubt, we will err on the side of safety and caution. Thank you for your understanding, continued support, and cooperation. If you have any questions regarding face coverings please reach out to your building administration.

Second semester learning schedules/classes are currently being finalized. Principals will be sharing classroom (in-person and virtual) assignments soon. Please note that due to the mass reshuffling of students changing learning formats, students (K-8) could have a different teacher (in-person or virtual) for the second semester. We have done all that we can to minimize changes in students' schedules/class assignments, but changes are inevitable. Also, it's important to know that creating new schedules has been quite challenging. So, your learning format choice is final for the second semester. However, we are open to continue to work with families in any way possible to meet their learning needs on a case by case basis.

Thank you for your continued patience, understanding, and support.

United Together,
Dr. Jason Sefrit
Superintendent of Schools