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Dear TCSS Families:

I want to thank you for your support of the Troup County School System as we get ready to wrap up the first semester of this school year and head into winter break. We continue to monitor the daily positive COVID-19 cases in our schools. And we appreciate your continued support of safety practices such as wearing masks, social distancing, temperature screening, and restricting visitors in our schools, which have kept our positive numbers low. The latest numbers show there are 13 positive student cases and 7 positive staff cases.

On October 18, we made the decision to make wearing masks in schools optional, but highly recommended. Masks are still required on all school buses per the CDC's recommendations.

As a reminder, the 'Highly Recommended' status will remain in place unless a school's positive COVID numbers become 1% or greater of their total student enrollment. For example, if the school's enrollment is 600, the school will continue to have the option of wearing a mask until they have 6 or more positive cases within the school. Once that threshold is reached, that particular school will return to required masks until cases decline to the half-percent mark, which in this case would be 3 or less. If multiple schools across the county have reached their one percent threshold and we reach a critical mass, all schools will return to the mask requirement.

Please remember that if you, or students, have been vaccinated or are wearing a mask, quarantining is not necessary if you have direct contact with a positive COVID case.

As always, the safety and well-being of our students, staff, and families are our top priority. We want to remain open and to continue with our momentum. We all must continue to remind each other and our kids to exercise all safety behaviors to stay safe and to keep schools open and as normal as possible.

To stay up-to-date on the latest COVID-19 numbers, please visit the COVID Dashboard on our website at [www.troup.k12.ga.us](http://www.troup.k12.ga.us).

Sincerely,

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Superintendent

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