



April 9, 2021

Dear Pike Family,

As you are aware, today is the last day of Governor Ivey's statewide mask mandate. After considerable thought, discussion and hearing the recommendations from our school nurses and Health and Safety Committee, the Foundation Board unanimously voted to keep our campus face covering requirement beginning April 12, 2021.

While our state mandate has been lifted, the CDC regarding masks and the factor they play in defining exposure and determining the quarantine protocols have not.

We find ourselves with 6 weeks left of school, a calendar full of events and activities that were canceled last year and our softball, baseball, cheer and golf teams preparing for championships.

We have been very blessed this year and our protocols have proven to keep us on campus in the midst of this pandemic. With each difficult decision we faced this past year, your Board put aside our personal feelings for the greater good of our students, faculty and families.

Your administration and Board understand that masks are inconvenient, and mandates are frustrating. Yet, we feel it's a necessary means to end the school year as normal as possible.

No matter how you feel about the integrity of masks, I know we all agree that we want our students to have the best opportunity to finish this school year in the classroom, at events, on the stage or competing in their sport. For that reason, the PATRIOTS TOGETHER plan has been updated to reflect the extended face covering requirement through the remainder of the semester.

On behalf of the Board, I want to thank you for your extended patience and support. In spite of the many challenges that we faced this past year, we count our many blessings. I have no doubt we've been successful because we have stayed united as PATRIOTS TOGETHER. Let's finish the 2020-2021 school year healthy and strong and as normal as possible!

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Stephanie'.

Stephanie Baker
Chairman, PLAS Foundation Board of Trustees