



# Jackson Local Schools

*Striving for Excellence*



**September 24, 2021**

**Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers,**

The Jackson Local School District will continue to require face masks for all students and staff members inside our buildings beyond September 30th and until further notice. Our mask requirement, enacted after the Labor Day holiday, has been successful in reducing classroom quarantines. Additionally, the Centers for Disease Control, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Ohio Children's Hospital Association, the Ohio Department of Health, and the Stark County Health Department all have advocated for students and staff to wear face masks in school. Our objective is to make sure our students have the best chance to continue in-person learning and participate in all extracurricular activities.

We will continue to monitor COVID-19 developments in our community and Ohio. Our administrative team closely monitors data to help drive decision-making. It is my distinct hope to be able to move to a mask-optional policy at some point this school year. We are appreciative of the overwhelming support we have received from our parents and stakeholders as we make these difficult decisions. Thank you and, as always, Go Bears!

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris D. Loreto".

**Superintendent**

**Jackson Local School District**