



# ROXANA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #1

*Debra K. Kreutztrager, Superintendent of Schools*

*"Achieving Excellence with Passion, Pride, & Partnership"*

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Good Evening Roxana Families and Staff,

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend today's Emergency Meeting of the Board of Education. Others provided feedback through emails and phone calls that were shared with the Board for their consideration. We are thankful that the conditions related to the pandemic have improved and vaccinations, testing, and quality masks are available and easily accessible. We are also fortunate to have relatively small class sizes to increase social distancing. The district COVID-19 cases peaked in January, but we are currently seeing a drastic decline. The recent court decision allows the Board the ability to give parental choice when it comes to masking and testing.

As a result of tonight's meeting, the Board approved the following updates to our Covid-19 mitigation strategies:

- Masks will be optional for staff and students **starting tomorrow, Tuesday, February 8**.
- Only students who are exhibiting symptoms of an illness will be sent home. Contact tracing will continue for parent notification purposes only. Parents may request surveillance testing by school nurses.
- Mandatory weekly testing for unvaccinated staff will be eliminated effective immediately.

This is one step forward in our pandemic responses. We will continue with universal mitigation measures as outlined in the [COVID 19 Procedural Updates](#). Parents and staff who have shared concerns will be contacted by administrators within 24 hours of this notification to develop plans for additional strategies.

The past two years have taught us that challenges develop perseverance and perseverance develops character. We understand how stressful and challenging the ongoing changes have been for everyone. We are committed to continuing to work together while modeling respect, understanding, and patience. Please feel free to contact administrators or teachers if you have any questions or concerns as we move forward. Thank you for your continued partnership.

Warm Regards,

*Debra K. Kreutztrager, Superintendent*