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Dear team, families and communities:

In the face of unprecedented changes to a number of key elements impacting the district's COVID-19 mitigation practices and feedback from shareholders representing many different points of view, I am working on adjustments to our current COVID-19 protocols. As you may have heard, Mecosta County has been moved to a risk threshold of "D", FSU and CMU have implemented a mask mandate in all indoor spaces regardless of vaccination status, and the District Health Department #10, CDC, and MDHHS continually review the significant impact on community health.

At this time Chippewa Hills is not mandating or requiring additional protocols for any of our students, staff, volunteers or the public (except for wearing masks on school buses which is federally mandated). We have made the decision to remain in line with our fellow districts in the MOISD and strongly recommend that everyone take the additional precautions that they can which includes getting vaccinated and wearing masks when unable to maintain social-distancing indoors.

The CHSD Administration and Board of Education are committed to an ongoing review of the available data, regulatory mandates, and guidance from these agencies and applying this data in a manner which is safe, productive, equitably applied and consistent with the mission of ensuring that Chippewa Hills provides everyone a safe and supportive place to learn, work, and live.

On a slightly more personal note, while I do hold a doctoral degree, I am by no means a medical or health expert and do not feel qualified to make such decisions when impacting the masses. I am looking for our local, state and federal health officials to take this lead and offer the proper guidance to address the covid related concerns currently impacting our communities. We can all take recommendations to whatever level we choose, that is why they are only recommendations. However, if there are requirements necessary to reduce the spread of the variant in our area, our most qualified people should be making those decisions, not the educational specialists. It is my hope that this will occur and we can then follow the health expectations. We all have opinions, but opinions are simply words without resolution. This should not be my, or even the board's, opinion on whether to follow the CDC recommendations and to what level. It is a health care issue and should fall on those experts. I will support their requirements regardless of my opinion, because they are offering a resolution.

Educationally,

Dr. Michael Bob Grover, Jr.