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Dear MJSD Families,

On Monday night the School Board met with the Menasha Health Department to revisit the issue of requiring masking at our schools. Based on the current Case Burden Rate, which is approaching the critically high mark, we will continue to require masks of all students, staff, and visitors in all Menasha Joint School District facilities through the month of December. In early January, the Board will once again consider the masking requirement while reviewing vaccination availability for our 5 - 11 year olds and the Case Burden Rate at that time. Our hope is that the case rate will be lower and that vaccination opportunities will be plentiful in order to give our families a way to protect their younger children. These factors might allow us to move to a masking optional stance for all students, staff, and visitors 5 years old or older beginning sometime in mid-January.

Here is a link to help you celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday safely: [Holiday Gatherings](#)

I wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving and a joyous holiday season.

Please check our [website](#) and [Menasha Health COVID webpage](#) for additional resources and updates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris L. VanderHeyden", written in a cursive style.

Chris L. VanderHeyden
Superintendent