

To: Darby School District Community

From: Chris Toyndbee, Superintendent

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As many of you have heard, Governor Gianforte will release a directive tomorrow lifting the state-wide mask mandate. At this time, by the decision of the Board of Trustees, Darby School District **will continue to require masks** within its schools.

Maintaining the District's masking policy is necessary to respect our staff, students and families safety. Because the COVID-19 pandemic presents an ever-changing set of circumstances, the Board of Trustees will re-evaluate the District's mask policy as more information becomes available from the state.

Thank you for your efforts to keep our District open to in-person learning this academic year. We appreciate the community supporting our District staff and being understanding throughout these ever changing conditions.