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Gregory J. Woytila
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Dear NT Community of Staff, Parents, and Students

As we prepare for the reopening of school, I wanted to update you on the latest face covering information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

As you know, face coverings are required to be worn on school grounds at all times, including the school bus, and can only be removed during school sanctioned mask breaks or meals. Wearing a face covering is one of the most effective preventative measures when it comes to slowing the spread of COVID-19 in our school community.

In their face covering update late last week, the CDC indicated that gaiters are now listed under a “Caution Advisory” as their “evaluation is on-going but the effectiveness is unknown at this time.” With this new information, the District has determined that gaiters will not be an approved face covering that can be worn. We have also determined that bandanas will not be an approved face covering. Should this information change, we will update our face covering policy and share it with families.

In accordance with guidance from the CDC, an approved and properly fitted face covering is one that:

- Covers the mouth and nose fully
- Is snug but comfortable against the sides of the face
- Secured with ties or ear loops
- Made with multiple layers of material
- Must allow you to breathe without restriction

We strongly encourage parents to have their children practice properly wearing a face covering for extended periods of time to prepare them for wearing a face covering for the length of the school day.



Sincerely,

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