



Dear Ballard Families,

We want to send a brief note of thanks for your support of our mitigation efforts and wearing masks at school. Last Monday the Board took action to require masks for East as a result of new contact tracing guidelines from public health. Fortunately, this is not a disruptive decision for us at East. With the exception of just a few students who have administrative approval to wear an alternative face covering, all of our students were wearing masks prior to this week.

The importance of your support cannot be overstated. Wearing masks will reduce the number of students and staff quarantined. In just two weeks since the guidelines changed, over two dozen Ballard students who would have previously been quarantined have remained in school because they were wearing masks.

There are strong opinions about this topic and nobody would argue this is ideal. That said, there is agreement that in-person learning is preferred for most students. Your support increases the likelihood of that happening.

Have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Mike Manock, Ballard East Principal
Ottie Maxey, Ballard Superintendent