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Dear Western Wayne Community,

At Wednesday evening's School Board meeting, a revised version of the District's Health and Safety – Tiered Mitigation Plan was approved. **Beginning on Monday, January 31st**, the new procedures for determining whether masks will be optional, or required, will take effect. The plan will utilize the total number of positive cases in a specific building/campus over a rolling 14-day period in relation to the total number of students and staff in that building/campus.

Our current safety plan and masking requirements will remain in effect until Friday, January 28th. On Monday, January 31st masks will be optional for students (**ages 5 and above**) and staff in buildings which the total number of positive cases are between 0 – 2.49 % of the total population. If the total number of positive cases in a building reaches 2.5% of its total population, masks will be required for a five (5) day period. If cases continue to rise above 2.5%, and eventually reach a 5% threshold, the Department of Health may recommend a suspension of in-person learning for a period of time in that building. Additionally, the updated CDC quarantine and isolation guidelines have been added to the Health and Safety Plan. ***Please note that all students and staff will still be required to wear a mask/face covering at all times while on district transportation until further notice.**

You may view the Health and Safety – Tiered Mitigation Plan on our website <http://ww3.westernwayne.org/>. As we continue to navigate through this pandemic, we will continue to monitor and adjust our procedures accordingly. We will also maintain frequent communication with our school community and inform you of any updates. We thank you for your understanding and flexibility. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Matthew Barrett, Ed. D.
Superintendent

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