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2/8/2022

Dear Ripon Unified Families,

I hope this message finds your family healthy and well. Given some recent questions about our masking policy, I wanted to reach out and clearly communicate what to expect on our campuses and what options families have.

Superintendent

Dr. Ziggy Robeson

At this point, all students in California are required to wear masks indoors - this is at all campuses, including those in our district. This has been the case since we began to bring our students back to in person learning in August of 2020.

If you no longer want your child to wear a mask at school, the only option available at this point is independent study. If you prefer this option, we will work with you to get your child the curriculum and supports needed, but they will need to be at home.

Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate maskless students on campus. We have a responsibility to uphold state laws and education code and more importantly, to protect the health and safety of other students and our dedicated staff.

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We do not have the staffing to provide instruction or oversight of students who are on campus and refuse to wear a mask indoors.

We are asking for community support to help us get through what we hope will be the final stage of returning to normal. With the state guidelines changing for other indoor spaces, it is our hope that state education leaders will issue new guidance that fairly balances health and engagement in the classroom.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of these challenging circumstances and for the flexibility you've demonstrated over the past two years in supporting our students and school community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ziggy Robeson".

Dr. Ziggy Robeson
Superintendent

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