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Dear Parents,

On December 16th, the Minnesota Department of Health updated the 2020-21 Planning Guide for Schools to include a change in face coverings for students. Beginning Monday, January 18th, students will have to wear face coverings during Physical Education classes, if they are held inside. Below is the language from page 10 of the Guideline.

Consistent with Executive Order 20-103, face coverings must be worn at all times during indoor physical activity (e.g., when exercising in a gym, fitness center, or during recess), regardless of the level of physical exertion. Previous guidance allowing face coverings to be removed during high exertion activities is no longer applicable.

Below is a link to the full MDH Planning Guide:

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/k12planguide.pdf>

While these documents are called “guidelines,” the Minnesota Department of Education requires public schools to follow the guidelines.

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Thank you,