Fremont County School District No. 21

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November 15, 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Fremont County School District #21 Board of Trustees met for the November monthly meeting. One item of discussion was Resolution No. 2022-111662 Wind River Indian Reservation COVID-19 Public Health Order as amended on November 2, 2022. This amended health order modified the reservation mask requirement. FCSD #21 Board of Trustees voted to adhere to the amended health order making the wearing of a mask **optional** on school campuses. Our district COVID-19 vaccination percentages are remarkably high:

- District employees 99%
- High School students 80%
- Middle School students 80%
- Elementary students 61%

These measures help maintain our commitment to being the safest school district in the state regarding COVID-19. It is our hope that these health and safety measures will continue to protect our students, staff, and community throughout the pandemic. Although the mask requirement will now be optional for students and staff on campus, masks will still be required for students and staff when riding school buses. We will monitor the COVID-19 positivity rate and make recommendations when necessary.

We remain fully committed to offering and maintaining a safe and healthy learning environment. All staff will continue to COVID test weekly. Daily temperature and COVID symptom checks will be performed for students prior to entry on the bus and/or school buildings. If a student or staff member exhibits one or more symptoms while at school, individuals will be *required* to wear a mask. All student-athletes will be *required* to be COVID tested weekly. We will continue to follow CDC guidance regarding COVID-19 health and safety protocols.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact the front offices at the following numbers: Fort Washakie Elementary and Middle School – 332-2380; Fort Washakie High School – 332-0142.

Sincerely,

Deb Smith

Debra R. Smith, Superintendent