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LPS Families,

It is hard to believe that we are now officially into the month of December, and just a few weeks remain in our first semester. I thought I would take a moment to provide you with a brief update as we close out another week in LPS.

You likely saw earlier this week that Kansas City, Missouri, has extended the mask mandate for schools an additional 30 days. This extension will now go through our upcoming holiday break; thus, we will be continuing to require masks in all LPS facilities through at least Tuesday, January 4, 2022. It will be our hope to be able to provide you with another update later this month when we have additional information, including the latest data from the area. Unfortunately, we have seen a rise in positive Covid-19 cases in recent weeks in the district. We are certainly monitoring the situation and will be committed to sharing any updates as they become available. Prior to Thanksgiving Break last week, we provided staff and families with the opportunity to share feedback in a survey format; we will plan to share the survey results with you in the coming weeks. What we do know following an initial review of the survey results is that it is evident that "*Covid-19 Fatigue*" is with many of us, and we fully understand the desire to return to normalcy. What I believe is important to focus on and celebrate is the fact that we have nearly completed our first semester, and our team has been able to provide five days per week of in-person learning for students with minimal disruptions. As you recall, this was our top priority as we prepared for the 2021-2022 school year. We must also recognize that this work has not been easy, and none of it would be possible without the support from our entire LPS staff team and the broader community.

As always, thank you for taking the time to read this update and for your continued support of Liberty Public Schools. Have a great weekend, and be well!

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