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Dear Wa-Nee Community School Parent/Guardian,

As we finish off what has been an unprecedented school year, I want to say “thank you” to each of you for your incredible support over these last 10 months. There is no question, this year has been a struggle for our students, our staff, and our community. But I could not be more proud and grateful for the way we as a community rallied together to take this challenge head on and make the best of this opportunity for our kids.

On May 31, 2021, Governor Eric Holcomb’s Executive Order 21-12 is set to expire. With the sunset of this Executive Order, the State of Indiana will no longer mandate the wearing of masks in schools. Effective June 1, 2021, students, staff, and visitors will have the option to wear masks when entering a Wa-Nee Community School building.

This decision was made in consultation with Elkhart County Health Officer, Dr. Bethany Wait and is based upon our ability to safely distance staff and students this summer, the wide availability of the COVID-19 vaccine, and our documented low-transmission rate amongst our staff and students within the school setting. At this time, we are hopeful and anticipating a more traditional school year beginning in August.

As we begin taking these next steps to safely return to life as it was pre-COVID, we do ask that you please keep in mind that our mitigation strategies will continue to be based on local data in consultation with state and local health officials.

We have received several questions regarding whether or not a COVID-19 vaccine will be required when we return next year. Although Wa-Nee Community Schools will not require this vaccine, we are asking and encouraging families to speak with their primary care physician to determine if the vaccine is right for you and your family.

Again, thank you for your support this past school year. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel welcome to contact my office. Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scot D. Croner'.

Scot D. Croner, PhD
Superintendent
Wa-Nee Community Schools