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Dear Jesup Community School Parents and Families,

Happy Homecoming Friday! One of the best days of the year to be a J-Hawk. Our halls are filled with blue and orange with the J-Hawk spirit showing loud and proud! Pep rallies, band playing, cheerleaders cheering, the parade, football game, crowning of royalty, all are great ways that we celebrate all that is great about being a J-Hawk!

This past Monday evening it was announced that the Governor's ban on mask mandates was overturned. This information was shared with the school board at our regular September meeting. We discussed at this time we would continue with operating under a mask optional policy. However we also discussed that if there was any additional guidance from Buchanan County Public Health, we would revisit the topic. Buchanan County Public has been a tremendous trusted partner through this pandemic offering solid guidance and we will continue to lean on them for support. If you wish to wear a mask at school, we fully support that as we also support those who choose not to wear one. However, if you are experiencing any types of symptoms, we would highly encourage you to either stay home until you are feeling better or wear a mask to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Our number of cases has dropped significantly since last week and I attribute that to a heightened awareness and everyone taking extra precautions to slow the spread.

We will continue to report the number of COVID-19 cases we have each week as well as the county 7-day positivity rates. Currently as of today, we are down to **8** positive cases or individuals with symptoms awaiting test results to report. The 7-day positivity rate is **9%** for Buchanan County and **7%** for Black Hawk County.

We appreciate your continued support and patience with us as your school district. We are here to meet your children's needs both academically and in regards to their health and well-being. If at any time you have questions or concerns, please reach out through email, phone, or stopping by my office. Have a great weekend! #jhawkproud

Thank you and take care,

Nathan