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Tamaqua Area SD Families:

The Tamaqua Area Board of School Directors held an emergency meeting last evening. A motion was approved indicating that the school district will abide by its current health and safety plan. This includes the stipulation that the wearing of facemasks will continue to be optional for all students and staff. Facemasks are still required on district transportation and may be required when attending educational institutions off campus.

While this topic may have caused a divide in our community, I want to reassure the families in our district that the faculty and staff are committed to providing a quality educational environment for all students. Our distinguished teaching staff is prepared to meet this challenge.

Students that choose to wear masks and those who choose not to wear masks should feel comfortable doing so in the educational environment. I ask that students support each other in their choices and show respect to one another. As the support system in the home, I ask that you speak to your child and reinforce these same concepts, promoting cooperation and understanding, without judgment.

Should you have specific questions regarding this or other health and safety measures, please contact me at rkinder@tamaquasd.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "R. Kinder".

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