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Dear Caregivers,

I am sure that many of you are already aware that the Utah House voted today to terminate the mask mandate that was in place in Salt Lake County, effective immediately. Prince of Peace will, as mentioned in previous communications, follow the direction of our local and state government and will no longer have a mask mandate in effect at school.

In light of this change, I want to say thank you. Thank you for your continued commitment to keeping our students in-person and working with us during these (what feel like continuous) changes to COVID protocols and guidelines. Thank you for your willingness to keep students home when they are showing symptoms, and thank you for communicating concerns and questions in a loving and Christian way.

Please once again note these two important ways that we can help mitigate the spread of COVID at Prince of Peace:

Face Masks - Per health department and CDC recommendations, face masks for students are strongly encouraged, but not mandatory at Prince of Peace. Masks will be provided for students who want to wear one but did not bring one from home.

Please know Prince of Peace will support and respect each family's decision regarding face masks

Feel sick, stay home - To ensure mitigating the spread of COVID, school parents must ensure their student is healthy enough to be in school that day. Our best line of defense is to not have COVID enter our school building. Students who have COVID-like symptoms should stay home from school. Having symptomatic individuals stay home will significantly reduce our need to quarantine students. Likewise, if an individual begins showing symptoms while at school, they will be isolated and sent home. This decision will be at the school's discretion. Additionally, anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 will not be permitted at school during their isolation period.

In closing, I want to ask for your continued prayers. This pandemic has become a fantastic tool for the devil to try and divide us, and it seems that at this moment he is trying harder than ever. These attempts have not been successful at Prince of Peace, but that is not the case everywhere. Please pray for our state and local government leaders for wisdom, our healthcare workers for strength and perseverance, and that the Lord would continue to watch over and bless the efforts of Prince of Peace throughout the rest of our 2021-2022 school year.

*"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

In Christ,

Mr. Michael E. Paulsen, Principal