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Hello, SUSD Families,

I hope you are having a wonderful summer, wherever you are!

Here at home, we are preparing for what we hope will be a terrific 2021-2022 school year. We are looking forward to seeing your students on the **first day of school, Wednesday, August 4!**

We have received many questions since school dismissed in May about what Scottsdale Unified's policy regarding facemasks will be for the new school year. To reiterate what we shared in the May 14 weekly parent letter to all families, masks will be *optional* for all students and staff.

That said, we strongly recommend that those students and staff who have not been vaccinated against COVID-19 wear a mask while indoors on district property.

The district's other mitigation strategies are currently under review internally and with the Maricopa County Department of Public Health. With COVID cases once again [on the rise in SUSD](#), we want to be sure that we are doing everything possible to keep the virus out of our classrooms and schools when we welcome students back for in-person learning next month. We will share more information with you during the last week of July.

As always, thank you for supporting your students, their teachers and our schools.

Respectfully,

Scott A. Menzel, PhD  
Superintendent