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# Gobles Public Schools

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Dear Gobles School Community

The Michigan Supreme Court issued a decision in the early evening Friday, October 2, 2020 that invalidated Executive Orders enacted by the Governor after April 30, 2020 under the Emergency Management Act and the Emergency Powers of the Governor Act. The Gobles Public Schools will continue to work with legal counsel to monitor any challenges to this decision, guidance by the local health department and MHSAA, and what impact it has on the school district operations.

Please understand that we are working hard to create a safe school environment for all students and employees. The Gobles Public Schools will continue to follow the Return to School Preparedness and Response Plan and Extended Continuity of Learning Plan adopted by the Board of Education on August 10, 2020 and September 14, 2020, respectfully. With regards to athletics, the District will continue to follow applicable provisions in the above cited Plans and guidance issued by the local health department and MHSAA. These frameworks incorporate all health and safety protocols determined by the Board, in consultation with the local health department and MHSAA officials, to be necessary to maintain a safe school environment, including health screening, social distancing, and facial coverings.

As for facial coverings for students in grades K-5, the District announced last week that it would begin requiring facial coverings for these young students effective October 5, 2020. This rule remains in effect until the District has an opportunity to assess whether these facial coverings are in the students' and employees' best interest in consultation with the local health department.

I would like to thank the District's students, parents, and employees for your ongoing patience and understanding when addressing these difficult issues and the ever-changing legal landscape impacting schools.

Sincerely  
Jeff Rehlander