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A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM
INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
GRENITA LATHAN

Dear HISD Community:

I wanted to take a moment to update you about our district health and safety protocols.

Texas Gov. Gregg Abbott recently issued an executive order prohibiting governmental entities —cities, counties, school districts, public health authorities, and government officials — from requiring or mandating masks.

Under the order, school districts may continue to follow their current mask guidelines through Friday, June 4, 2021. After that date, school districts are prohibited from requiring any student, teacher, parent, employee, or visitor from wearing masks.

I'm sure many of you have questions about this order and how it will impact you, as well as our district health and safety protocols.

In HISD, we will continue to adhere to our protocols and require masks for all individuals — students, employees, and visitors — through the close of business on June 4. Though masks will not be required after this date, HISD encourages their use and recognizes that the decision to continue wearing a mask is a personal one.

An updated Communicable Disease Plan reflecting the mask changes will be released on June 4. All other HISD health and safety protocols outlined in the plan will remain in place through the end of summer school on July 13, 2021.

Thank you for your continued patience and support as we all work together to keep our students and staff safe.

Sincerely,



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HISD Interim Superintendent