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Dear Principals and Pastors,

As you know by now, Cole County Judge Daniel Green ruled that the existing health orders issued by the St. Louis County Department of Public Health (DPH), including the mask requirements, are null and void. In a decisive ruling striking down all covid regulations, the judge also specifically recognized that the DPH quarantine requirement for schools is invalid – healthy children may not be excluded from school.

At the beginning of the year, parents heard from many school leaders that mask mandates were put in place so that schools could “qualify for modified quarantine” as described in the DPH guidance. We know it has been your priority to keep kids in school and keep kids healthy. We very much appreciate all that you have done to make this happen.

Now that this guidance has been struck down by the courts and there is no threat of quarantine, closures or other sanctions, we understand that schools will be revising their mitigation practices. As you begin to consider what is best for your school, **we urge you to communicate with your community that masks will be optional, beginning immediately.**

Because of this ruling, and to start the long process of healing, many parents in St. Louis County will be sending their children to school without a mask beginning Monday, November 29th. We ask that you respect their decision.

We are committing to helping our schools and children emerge from this most challenging time and we appreciate your support.

St. Louis County Parents Association

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We are a grassroots organization of private and public-school parents who are concerned about covid protocols and how they affect the well-being of our children.