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Hello JSD Families,

As you may be aware, last Friday the Governor announced a new COVID-19 vaccine mandate for students. We recognize that there are many questions.

Here's what we know so far:

- The mandate will be implemented in two grade-level groups – grades 7-12 first, then grades K-6.
- It will go into effect at the start of the school term following full approval from the Food and Drug Administration(FDA).
- At this time, the mandate is expected to apply to grades 7-12 beginning July 1, 2022.
- There is not an expected implementation date for grades K-6 at this time.
- This mandate, in its current form, provides both a medical exemption and personal beliefs exemption for the COVID-19 vaccine.

We will continue to keep you informed of updates as they become available.

Sincerely,

James W. Bridges

Superintendent