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Saturday, February 5, 2022,

Dear Whiteside School District #115 families,

I write to ask for your patience and understanding as our district navigates possible updates to the COVID-19 guidance and rules for Illinois schools.

Late Friday afternoon, an Illinois judge ruled on a lawsuit filed by more than 700 parents across the state that challenged state-mandated COVID-19 mitigations in schools. Whiteside School District was not named in the suit, but the outcome could affect all school districts and students in Illinois.

At this time, we are in the process of reviewing the judge's decision and will communicate if or how this ruling might impact Whiteside School District's students and staff members.

Until then, I ask for your patience as we review this decision and consult with our school's law firm.

Thank you for your continued support of our students, teachers, and staff. While it has been a difficult year, we will continue to push forward together.

Sincerely,

Mark Heuring