

Special Board Meeting  
Tuesday, February 15, 2022 7:30 AM

Saint Peter Middle School-Media Center  
100 Lincoln Dr.  
SAINT PETER, MN 56082

## **Agenda**

- I. **Call Meeting to Order**
- II. **Consideration and Adoption of the Agenda**
- III. **Consider Requests to Speak on the Agenda**
- IV. **Action Items**
  - IV.1. Consider Changes to Covid Mitigation Strategies
- V. **Upcoming Meetings of the School Board** Business Committee  
Tuesday, February 15, 2022  
4:00PM  
SPMS-Conference Room A/B
- VI. Policy Committee  
Wednesday, February 23, 2022  
7:00AM  
SPMS-Conference Room A/B
- VII. HR Committee  
Wednesday, February 23, 2022  
3:30PM  
SPMS-Conference Room A/B
- VIII. Regular Board Meeting  
Thursday, February 24, 2021  
6:30PM  
SPCC-Governor's Room
- IX. **Adjournment**



## ADDENDUM

**BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, February 15, 2022**  
**7:30AM**  
**SPMS-Conference Room A/B**

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### IV. ACTION ITEMS

<b>1. AGENDA ITEM #1</b>
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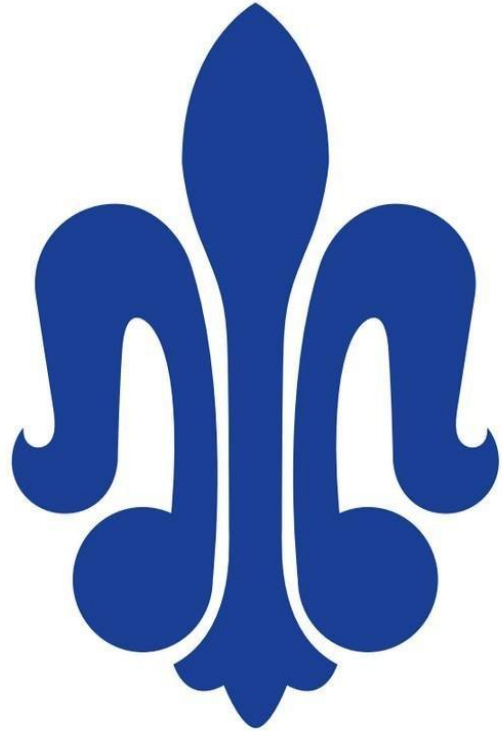
**Subject:** Consider Changes to Covid Mitigation Strategies

**Action:** Requires an Amendment to a Previous Motion

**Background:** At the beginning of this year when we set the thresholds for changing mitigation strategies, we could not have known the effect that the Omicron variant of COVID-19 would have on our data. As the situation changes, so must our strategies. While we have not met the parameters originally set prior to the omicron variant, we believe the situation has changed enough to adjust our mitigation strategies. Superintendent Gronseth will present our current COVID data and recommendations for adjustments to our current COVID-19 mitigation strategies.

**Presentation:** Superintendent Gronseth

**Options/Recommendation:** I recommend your amendment of a previously passed motion regarding COVID-19 Protocols.



**Saint Peter Schools**  
**COVID- 19**  
**Mitigation Strategy**  
**Recommendation**

February 15, 2022

# Update to District Mitigation Strategies



COVID infection rates have declined significantly. Leading indicators such as waste water testing have shown levels comparable to last summer. In addition, everyone ages 5 and up has access to vaccines. KN95 masks and COVID test kits are available upon request in all health offices.

While we have not met the parameters originally set prior to the omicron variant, we believe the situation has changed enough to shift to recommended masking and quarantines for PreK-12 students and staff beginning tomorrow.

**According to the parameters of the School Board, this change will require an amendment of a previous motion of the School Board.**

# Recommendations:



- Recommended masking for all PreK-12 students and staff (Hoffman Learning Center to follow Leo A Hoffman guidance)
- Required masking on all school buses (Federal Mandate)
- Required masking in the health offices
- KN-95 masks available upon request in the health offices.
- COVID-19 test kits continue to be available upon request.
- Families will be notified of classroom exposures and quarantines will be recommended but not required.
- Students and staff with positive cases continue with current practices of isolation (minimum 5 days or until symptoms improve)
- COVID data will continue to be monitored and adjustments recommended to mitigation strategies accordingly.

# Regional Transmission Levels



**2019-2020** Two years ago I can remember that we were anxious when we heard we had the first positive case in our community. We were notified anytime there was an additional case.

**2020-2021** Last year we prepared for the worst. We reported how many cases there were weekly and 4 or 5 cases seemed like a lot. Delta brought higher numbers and we shifted between hybrid and distance learning.

**2021-2022** We were all hopeful that this year would be different– and it has been. Omicron has led to higher numbers than we have seen since the beginning of the pandemic.

As the pandemic has progressed and positive case rates rise and fall, our perception of “acceptable” numbers has also changed. At the beginning of this year when we set our thresholds for changing mitigation strategies, we could not have known the effect that omicron would have on our data. As the situation changes, so must our strategies.

County	cases	change	rating
Nicollet	316	-43.97%	High
Le Sueur	163	-51.05%	High
Blue Earth	643	-50.58%	High

# Regional Vaccination Levels



\*Data as of 02.09.22

**Vaccination Levels (Goal 70%)\*:**

County	5-11	5-11 one dose	12-15	12-15 one dose	16-17	16-17 One dose
Nicollet	33%	39%	69%	74%	73%	76%
Le Sueur	19%	25%	46%	51%	53%	57%
Blue Earth	27%	33%	62%	67%	61%	65%

# Saint Peter Schools Data



Positive cases & Quarantines as of 02.14.22

total current cases: 7 quarantines: 11 Total of 541 cases since school began

School	Staff positive	Staff Quar.	Student Positive	Student Quar.
Early Childhood	0	0	0	6
South	0	0	3	0
North	0	0	1	2
Middle School	0	0	2	3
High School	0	0	1	0
Hoffmann/DO	0	0	0	0