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The Madison County Board of Education strongly recommends face coverings in the school setting for all students and staff. With input from the Madison County Health Director, the Board of Education unanimously affirms that face coverings are optional in our schools beginning Monday, November 29, for students, staff, and visitors. Pursuant to federal rules, students and staff will still be required to wear a face-covering while on school buses. The Board of Education reserves the right to require and enforce the use of face coverings in the future if, in consultation with the Madison County Health Director, it is determined that face coverings are necessary to keep schools open. Further, the Superintendent is authorized to require face coverings for a limited period of no more than two weeks in certain classrooms, or in particular schools, if, after consultation with the Madison County Health Director (1) it is determined that the use of face coverings will prevent the temporary closure of the school due to staff shortages or a significant number of student absences; (2) a school is experiencing a high transmission of COVID-19, meaning at least two clusters of five or more staff or students have contracted COVID-19 in the school; or (3) if 25 or more students have a positive test result for COVID 19 the district may consider requiring masks during instructional hours. Other daily safety protocols will remain in effect.