

Dear Avonworth Parents & Guardians,

As you know, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has issued a federal mandate that requires everyone who uses public transportation to wear a mask. This includes school buses. All students must properly wear a mask the entire time they are riding the bus.

First Student, our district's transportation provider, has reached out to our administration with concerns that students are not properly wearing masks while riding the bus. With COVID cases on the rise in our community, it is imperative that all students wear their masks on the bus.

We are already experiencing a shortage of bus drivers, as are districts across the country. To compensate for this, we have had to double up on runs to ensure we can get students to and from school. We cannot afford to lose any more drivers, as that would cause significant challenges for transporting students to and from school. The loss of drivers could also impact our ability to provide transportation for activities and athletics.

Please speak with your children about the importance of wearing their masks properly on our buses and in our schools. We completely understand the challenges and frustrations that this pandemic has caused. By working together, we will get through this.

We thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

Scott Miller Ph.D.

*Principal*