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Dear Parents,

Many hot topics have been in the media lately including the ODH guidelines for our students and staff to return to school and Critical Race Theory (CRT). With the school year fast approaching, I wanted to address these issues.

MASKS: Masks will not be required as we return to school. Those who wish to wear a mask will be allowed to do so. Claymont City is aware of the CDC and ODH guidance and recommendations regarding masks, vaccination, etc. including the CDC order requiring students and drivers to wear masks on buses. The school district will not involve itself in the personal health decisions of our families. We will not be testing for COVID-19, asking the vaccination status of our students or staff, or place any other additional requirements not required by law.

CRITICAL RACE THEORY (CRT): There is growing debate and controversy centering around the teaching of Critical Race Theory in America's public schools. Claymont City School District is for ALL students and families. Over that past year our district has focused on the Leader in Me program while also implementing the Portrait of a Claymont Graduate, which includes Empathy, Perseverance, Integrity, Critical Thinking, Responsibility and Communication Skills. We teach Ohio's learning standards for each grade level and content area. We carefully select curriculum materials and resources to support learning and cause students to process information, engage in thoughtful discussion/debate, and think critically for themselves. We empower teachers to utilize evidence-based instructional strategies with the goal of creating optimum learning opportunities for all students. We create a welcoming, safe, and positive environment for all students, staff, and guests. We treat students and each other with dignity, respect, and

kindness. CRT is not part of our curriculum and will not be instructed. We are always prepared, however, for students to question and discuss current events in an open and thoughtful manner.

We look forward to a great school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Rentsch". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "B".

Brian Rentsch, Superintendent