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MEMORANDUM

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To: All Staff (Code 2A)

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From: Executive Team

Subject: Wearing Face Coverings Outdoors

Getting fresh air is a great thing and walking outdoors is generally a low risk activity even during the current pandemic. At the same time, social distancing, walking close with non-members of your household, passing people in close quarters and not wearing a face covering can contribute to the spread of the Novel Corona virus. Reports are that the virus is spread by respiratory droplets released when people talk, cough or sneeze. Wearing face coverings is especially important when the physical distancing is difficult.

The State Health Order dated June 18, 2020, mandating face coverings states that face coverings are mandatory, "While outdoors in public spaces when maintaining a physical distance of six feet from persons who are not members of the same household or residence is not feasible."

This is a reminder to staff that when walking outside EHSD owned or leased buildings where physical distance of at least six feet is difficult, all EHSD staff should comply with the State Health Order and wear a face covering. This is especially important in an area such as the Ellinwood campus where many staff and the public walk and go out for recreation in areas where it is difficult to maintain a six-foot separation. Let us all do our part to live and work in a safe and healthy environment and be good neighbors.