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## **Rockingham County Schools Board of Education votes to mandate masks in schools**

Rockingham County, NC – The Rockingham County Schools Board of Education held an Emergency Meeting the morning of Friday, August 20 to discuss the school district’s Safe Return to School plans. This meeting was called due to unexpected circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 situation that required the Board of Education’s immediate attention.

The Board of Education voted 4-3 to mandate the wearing of masks in schools for students, faculty, and staff for the upcoming school year, which begins for traditional schools on Monday, August 23. Students will be required to wear masks in school during in-person learning. The Board of Education will revisit the issue at a later date.