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Sent Via Electronic Mail

Vandalia CUSD 203

Attention: Dr. Jennifer D Garrison, Superintendent

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Dear Dr. Jennifer D Garrison:

The purpose of this communication is to inform you that your district's recognition status has been restored to Fully Recognized.

As you know, on December 23, 2021, you were notified that, in accordance with the rules regarding public school district recognition (see emergency rules at [23 Ill Admin. 1.20](#)), the recognition status of Vandalia CUSD 203 had been changed to "On Probation" status.

On February 25, 2022, the CDC revised its recommendations regarding the use of face coverings or masks to correspond with high risk areas, including schools. Under the revised CDC guidance masks are recommended only in areas of high transmission, so on February 25, 2022, Governor Pritzker announced that the State of Illinois remove its school mask mandate, effective on February 28, 2022. On February 28, 2022, Governor Pritzker issued Executive Order 2022-06, that rescinded Section 1(a) of Executive Order 2021-18 (requiring masks in schools), and therefore, masks became optional for all schools and school districts starting Monday, February 28, 2022. ISBE recommends that all school districts follow CDC guidance and will update its existing guidance in the coming days.

This letter serves as an official notice that your district's current recognition status is Fully Recognized, effective immediately.

If you have additional questions regarding your recognition status, please email Derreck Langwith, Director of ROE/ISC, at dlangwit@isbe.net.

Thank you for your continued attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Dr. Carmen I. Ayala

State Superintendent of Education

cc: The Honorable Julie Wollerman, Regional Superintendent ROE 03

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