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July 1, 2021

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Pursuant to Governor Murphy's announcement on June 28, 2021, school districts are no longer mandated to require staff and students to wear masks during the school day. Starting on **Monday, July 5th mask wearing by students and staff will be optional**. These changes are in effect for students attending our special education extended school year program. Should any student or staff member choose to wear a mask while in the school buildings, they may do so and they shall be protected under Board Policy 5512 – Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying. Optional mask wearing for students and staff members will continue unless changes are required by the Governor, the New Jersey Department of Education and/or the New Jersey Department of Health.

Students attending the special education extended school year program, will continue to complete the student health screening, prior to entering school each day.

We encourage everyone to continue following the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention promoted safeguards, such as:

- Staying home when you are sick;
- Washing hands often with soap for at least 20 seconds;
- Covering coughs and sneezes and properly disposing of tissues;
- Limiting close contact with people who are sick and not sharing food, drinks, and utensils; and
- Continuing to monitor your health for symptoms.

As always, we appreciated your continued support to keep our students and community safe!

Sincerely,

Keith Neuhs Superintendent

COVID-19 Regional Report https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/statistics/covid/

COVID-19 Vaccination Scheduling System https://covidvaccine.nj.gov/

COVID-19 Testing Sites https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/testing#test-sites