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Dear School Community Members,

On June 28, 2021 "Governor Murphy, New Jersey Department of Education (DOE) Acting Commissioner Dr. Angelica Allen-McMillan, and New Jersey Department of Health Commissioner Judy Persichilli today announced a series of coordinated recommendations and guidance documents to assist school districts and educators as they develop local reopening plans for the 2021-2022 school year. All public school districts in New Jersey are expected to provide full-time, in-person instruction for the 2021-2022 school year. Documents released today will be critical as districts plan for full-time instruction and continue the pathway to recovery from COVID-19."

source: https://www.nj.gov/governor/news/news/562021/20210628a.shtml

Consistent with Governor Murphy's June 28th announcement, "Absent any dramatic change in our situation before the beginning of the school year, masking by students while in their school buildings will not be mandatory - unless a school district requires masking as part of its own protocols."

The School Year 2021-2022 Health and Safety Guidance document details recommendations designed to provide a healthy and safe environment for students and staff during the 2021-2022 school year. The full document is available at: <a href="https://www.ni.gov/education/roadforward/docs/HealthAndSafetyGuidanceSY2122.pdf">https://www.ni.gov/education/roadforward/docs/HealthAndSafetyGuidanceSY2122.pdf</a>

The district's Safe Reopening Plan for September 2021 will be consistent with the Executive Order and directions from the New Jersey Department of Health and New Jersey Department of Education. We will closely examine The School Year 2021-2022 Health and Safety Guidance, and local decisions will be made and adjusted, as needed, while following this guidance. At this time, please know the wearing of face coverings/masks is optional (outdoors and indoors) for participants in the Summer Transition Program and Extended School Year Program.

As we progress forward future updates will continue to be shared. May you and your families have a most enjoyable summer.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sue De Nobile

Superintendent