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Dear Families,

Yesterday, June 7, 2021, Governor Murphy released the following announcement:

“School officials are empowered to relax masking among students and staff in their buildings given extreme weather conditions.”

In the fall of 2020 the Rochelle Park School District installed air conditioning and air ionization units throughout Midland School to enhance indoor air quality. All staff and students have been required to wear face coverings indoors and outdoors. At this time, given the Governor’s announcement yesterday, the **staff and students will have the option to wear face coverings outdoors while on the district’s school grounds. *This option applies only to outdoors at this time due to the heat.***

Parents, please speak with your child about whether you want him/her to continue to wear a face covering outdoors while on school grounds. Please remind your child that he/she must continue to wear a face covering in the school building. Please continue to send your child to school with a face covering. If a student’s face covering is lost or damaged, outdoors or indoors, the school will provide him/her with one.

Children under the age of twelve years old have not yet been eligible to receive vaccinations. This accounts for the majority of students at Midland School. As of this writing the State’s changes to the use of face coverings indoors has not been applicable to school settings, absent the factor of extreme weather conditions. Again, Midland School has air conditioning so this change will only apply to outdoors for this district at this time.

As changes develop, and further direction is provided by the State, the New Jersey Department of Education and the New Jersey Department of Health, notifications and updates will be shared with you. Thank you for your ongoing support, understanding, and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Sue DeNobile

Dr. Sue DeNobile, Superintendent