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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to the 2021-2022 school year. I had hoped, as did everyone, that the summer break coupled with the vaccination efforts would set the stage for a school year that had COVID-19 in the rear-view mirror. Unfortunately, that is not the case. On August 31st, schools across the Commonwealth were informed of the Acting Secretary of Health's Order which would require masking in all schools in the Commonwealth. A copy of the Order can be viewed [here](#). As would be expected, people have many questions. We have been seeking answers and will continue to provide updates as we receive them. The most current FAQ document from PDE can be accessed [here](#). We have received notice that PDE may be issuing new guidance even as early as today, September 3, 2021.

Under the Order there are exemptions. Parents who are seeking an exemption from the mask order for their child can access the form by clicking [here](#). Parents should fill the form out prior to Tuesday and students who are requesting the exemption should report to the main office and provide their form to the principal's secretary.

We know that this mandate will impact families in different ways. We also know that this Order from the Department of Health has given families and schools very little time to consider and react to the Order. Notwithstanding, the District is required to implement and enforce this Order. It is our hope that despite the differences that may exist with respect to the Order, that we will continue to move forward, together.

We will continue to provide updates as they become available. We thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Randall Skrinjorich

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