



# HANOVER PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Staff and Parents,

As we anticipate a relaxing and “Happy Thanksgiving”, I want to thank everyone for their cooperation in allowing our students to fully return to school. Please remember during the Thanksgiving recess to practice the Covid-19 protocols that allow us to remain open.

1. Stay home when sick or if a family member is sick, exposed, or tests positive.
2. Practice good hygiene.
3. Continue wearing a face covering that covers the mouth and nose. Additionally, the District will enforce the mask mandates ordered by the Pennsylvania Health Secretary, Dr. Levine, effective November 20, 2020.
4. The Department of Health updated the order related to travel. The link for this information is included with this communication. While the order has requirements, the practical implications for travel enforcements are almost impossible and based solely on individual responsibility.

The Hanover Public School District has been in session since August 19, 2020, and we will have completed 65 days of school prior to the break. The nurses, staff, and administration have responded quickly and professionally to all confirmed positive Covid-19 cases, and the district has worked cooperatively with the Pennsylvania Department of Health. This amazing cooperation between the stakeholders has allowed us to minimize the impact of Covid-19 on the schools.

When we opened school in August, we provided options for the parents including a full-return for elementary students, a hybrid option for secondary, and a remote option for all students, K-12. In October, students in grades 5-12 were given the option for a four-day week full return. It should be noted that over 80% of the students have returned to in-person instruction. The staff has done an outstanding job in adapting to the changes presented to them, and their efforts are a testament to the confidence of the parents as evidenced by the overwhelming return of the students.

I am well aware of the difficulties that we will certainly face in the upcoming months. However, I have the utmost confidence that working together, we will be able to successfully meet these challenges.

Happy Thanksgiving,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'John A. Scola'.

Dr. John A. Scola  
Superintendent