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# HANOVER PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

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John A. Scola, Ed. D.  
*Superintendent*

September 3, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As many of you are aware, the Acting Pennsylvania Secretary of Health has signed an order mandating that masks be worn by all individuals in Pennsylvania Schools. This mandate will take effect on Tuesday, September 7, 2021. The Hanover Public School District recognizes that there are passionate parents and guardians both supporting and opposing this masking requirement. The school district has been successful throughout the pandemic in keeping students in school while working within the constraints of the law. In accordance with direction from the Hanover Public School District Solicitor, the district is required to enforce the mask mandate and plans to do so in an effort to continue to provide all students with the opportunity for in-person instruction.

All students, staff, and visitors to our school buildings are required to wear a mask at all times beginning Tuesday, September 7th. Mask breaks will be provided for students multiple times throughout the day. A mask will be provided for any student who forgets to wear a mask to school. In the event a student refuses to wear a mask, the building administrator will contact parents immediately. Parents will be asked to pick their student up from school. In the event a parent is unable to pick their student up, the student will be asked to work on assignments in the Integrative Learning Center for the remainder of the school day. All assignments will be accessible via Firefly Blend to ensure students have access to learning activities throughout the day.

Although the masking requirement has caused controversy within our community, the priority and focus of the Hanover Public School District is to ensure in-person instruction, five days a week, for all students. Please contact your student's building administrator for questions or concerns regarding the information above. As always, we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Dr. John A. Scola  
Superintendent  
Hanover Public School District