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FASD Families:

Earlier this week Governor Wolf announced a masking mandate for all individuals while indoors at Pre-K to 12 schools. This mandate will go into effect on Tuesday, September 7, 2021. This Order is not a recommendation, and is a mandate put forth by the Secretary of Health as communicated by the Governor. As the District is subject to these Commonwealth agencies, we are legally obligated to comply with the Order as directed.

As part of the Order, masks will not be required for students when engaged in an activity that cannot be performed while wearing a mask, such as eating and drinking, or playing an instrument that would be obstructed by the face covering. Student-athletes will not be required to wear face coverings while actively participating in their practices or events, whether indoor or outdoor. Likewise, students will not be required to wear face coverings during high intensity aerobic or anaerobic activities, including during a physical education class in a well-ventilated location and able to maintain a physical distance of six feet from other individuals.

Guests are still permitted at athletic events and performances, but must wear face coverings while indoors at all times. Whether indoors or outdoors when attending events, we encourage guests to socially distance to a minimum of three to six feet when feasible.

Please note, the current order will have a beneficial impact on contact tracing and will likely reduce the number of students who may need to quarantine in specific situations. Current CDC and PA Department of Health guidance states that if both the infected individual and the close contact were wearing secured, properly fitted face coverings while within 3-6 feet for the entire time of exposure, no quarantine is necessary for students around the contagious individual. As this can only be the case when universal masking is in place, we are confident that this will positively impact the amount of in-person instruction our students are able to receive and reduce the number of quarantines we are already experiencing.

As a reminder, masking has been and will continue to be required when on a school bus at all times. Also, please help our schools remain open for long periods of time by screening for symptoms and staying home when ill. Please consult with your PCP if you or your student is sick.

Let's demonstrate to everyone that FASD families, employees, and students will rise above the fray and, regardless of differences, and in solidarity, be unified and willing to make sacrifices necessary to achieve the goal of providing in-person instruction on a consistent basis. Let's do this Yellowjackets!

Very truly yours,

Ian M. Magness
Superintendent