



August 20, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As we draw closer the start of the 2020-2021 school year, it is important to note a clarification that was reported on August 17, 2020 by the Pennsylvania Department of Health in regard to the *Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Requiring Universal Face Coverings*.

Everything from the previous order remains the same except for the following: (See the complete FAQ link below).

Under what circumstances are students permitted to remove their face coverings (e.g. masks and face shields)?

Schools may allow students to remove face coverings when students are:

- ***Eating or drinking when spaced at least 6 feet apart; or***
- ***When wearing a face covering creates an unsafe condition in which to operate equipment or execute a task; or***
- ***At least 6 feet apart during "face-covering breaks" to last no longer than 10 minutes.***

The clarification of the *Order* does NOT eliminate face covering breaks from being permitted during each school day. Frequent face covering breaks will be incorporated into each day.

<https://www.education.pa.gov/Schools/safeschools/emergencyplanning/COVID-19/Waivers/MaskWearing/Pages/default.aspx>

Please direct all questions to building principals or feel free to contact me at 570-253-4661.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gregory Frigoletto".

GREGORY FRIGOLETTO
District Superintendent