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Dear Perth Amboy School District Community,

I hope you are enjoying these last days of summer. After transitioning from all remote instruction to hybrid learning last school year, we are prepared to return to full-day in-person instruction. Please know that the safety of our students and staff is our top priority and that we are committed to continue providing our students with access to high quality education. Also, note that as guidance from the New Jersey Department of Education continues to be fluid and changing when it comes to practices related to Covid-19, updates will be sent out to the community to keep you informed. Rest assured that all safety protocols will be in place as we prepare to open our doors. The first day of school for students is on **Tuesday, September 7, 2021**.

On Friday, August 6, 2021 [Governor Phil Murphy announced](#) and signed [Executive Order 251](#), which will mandate masking in the indoor premises of all public, private, and parochial preschool, elementary, and secondary school buildings, with limited exceptions. The Executive order has become effective on Monday, August 9, 2021.

While masks will be broadly required in school buildings for the coming school year, exceptions will remain unchanged from the 2020-2021 school year, and include:

- When doing so would inhibit the individual's health, such as when the individual is exposed to extreme heat indoors;
- When the individual has trouble breathing, is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a face covering without assistance;
- When a student's documented medical condition or disability, as reflected in an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Educational Plan pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, precludes use of a face covering;
- When the individual is under two (2) years of age;
- When an individual is 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;
- When the individual is engaged in high-intensity aerobic or anaerobic activity;
- When a student is participating in high-intensity physical activities during a physical education class in a well-ventilated location and able to maintain a physical distance of six feet from all other individuals; or
- When wearing a face covering creates an unsafe condition in which to operate equipment or execute a task.

I encourage you to carefully read the following letters by Dr. Vivian Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction and Mr. Delvis Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent of Administration. The information in these two letters will give you further guidelines and expectations for the upcoming school year.

- ❖ [Letter from Dr. Vivian Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction](#)
- ❖ [Letter from Mr. Delvis Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent of Administration](#)

Next week, you will be receiving more detailed correspondence from your respective school principals. Please visit our district website at www.paps.net to see the [school calendar](#) and for more updates and reminders for the upcoming year. We are looking forward to welcoming all of our staff and students for the 2021-2022 school year.

Thank you for your continued support and wish you a wonderful rest of the summer.

Sincerely,

*Dr. David A. Roman*08.20.2021

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