



Little Falls Township Public Schools

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Hello Hornet Families,

I can hardly believe that in a blink of an eye it will be August 1st. We have been diligently working on and planning for our 2021-2022 safe return to school. I wanted to take this opportunity to keep you informed of some updates and changes that we are anticipating.

1. Plexiglass will be removed from all classroom desks (unless requested by a teacher or parent). We will be installing plexiglass in areas where students will be eating lunch so that they may take their masks off safely to eat.
2. Masks: As of today, our decision for the 2021-2022 school year is as follows:
 - Masks will be optional when students are seated in their classroom
 - Masks will be optional when students are outside for recess and physical education
 - Masks will not need to be worn during lunch
 - Masks must be worn on buses
 - Masks must be worn by students entering and exiting the building (parents/guardians dropping off students do not need to wear masks, unless requested to enter the building)
 - Masks must be worn when students are walking through the hallways
 - Masks must be worn when students are working in small group instruction settings where the required social distancing cannot be accommodated
 - As a result of the above all students must bring a mask to school with them daily.
3. A form will be sent to you via our Realtime System/Parent Portal for you to indicate whether or not you are opting for your child to wear or not to wear a mask during the situations where masks are optional.
4. The Daily COVID Questionnaire will no longer be required. Replacing the questionnaire will be a document sent to you via our Realtime System/Parent Portal that you will sign confirming you understand your obligation to inform us when you or your child is traveling or have been exposed to COVID-19.
5. **It is extremely important to note that these protocols may change in the event that we receive new guidance from the NJDOH or NJDOE.**
6. Our Safe Reopening Plan can be found [here](#). Please note this is an ever-changing document based on guidance and transmission rate. Thank you to those who took time to come to our two public sessions and completed our survey. Your input was greatly appreciated and taken into account when developing the plan.

Our Administrative Team is in constant communication and collaboration with our local health officials. These decisions are very difficult and not taken lightly. I am not only your Superintendent; I am a mother of two children who makes decisions for your children as if they were my own. I am fully aware that this is an instance when it is impossible to make everyone happy, with that in mind I beg you to remember our theme All Together. Your actions and words are felt and heard by your children and will help to shape and determine their outlook and perspective. If we stay positive they will stay positive. Remember we are all in this together.

As always, it is our pleasure to care for your children and work ALL TOGETHER to keep them healthy. Please reach out to us if you have any questions. We are always here for you. The information you receive via Facebook or other unaffiliated social media outlets most likely contain misinformation that could cause you unnecessary stress and anxiety. We will continue to distribute information throughout the remainder of the summer. Please make sure you are checking your email regularly and that your information is accurate in our system.

Be well,

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