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Millington Community Schools Update on MDHHS Mask Requirements for May 17, 2021

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Parents and Community Members,

The following statement was released through the Michigan Association of Superintendents and Administrators legislative update:

*"Friday morning at 11 AM, Governor Whitmer released a statement that **starting May 15 at 9 a.m., all outdoor masking requirements will be suspended, and vaccinated Michiganders will no longer need to wear masks indoors.** Unvaccinated individuals ages 5 and up will still be required to wear masks indoors (while still making a good faith effort for 2-5-year-olds). **Establishments may still require masks indoors,** and it's not quite clear how proof of vaccination will be enforced absent a universal vaccine verification process, but this easing of restrictions comes the day after the CDC issued revised guidance on masking and vaccination status."*

This is great news for all of us when we are outdoors. However, the implementation of an exception to the mask rule indoors for some people but not others presents many potential concerns. It will require time to identify a path forward that can allow as much flexibility in mask-wearing requirements as possible, yet still make sure that our processes ensure that we protect the health and safety for all staff and students and is respectful toward each member of our school community.

We will have more information for you this week regarding any change to the indoor mask-wearing requirement. **At this time, and until further notice, please plan for our current indoor mask and social distancing requirements for all students and staff to be extended through the end of the school year.**

With only thirteen days of Face-to-Face Instruction left before the last day of school for our students, we do not want any school-based transmission or positive cases if at all possible. We have made it this far, let's get through the rest of the school year.

Thank you,

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