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## Dear Faculty & Staff:

I want to thank you for your cooperation and consideration during a challenging year. As COVID-19 numbers and levels continue to decrease as well as our collective knowledge about the disease increases, certain protocols will begin to relax slowly over time.

Beginning June 2<sup>nd</sup>, the district will be discontinuing temperature checks for all students and staff. In addition, COVID-19 screening forms will no longer be required for students and **fully vaccinated** staff. These recommendations have been vetted through our school physician and are a result of the current downward trend in disease spread, lower incidence rate due to vaccinations, as well as lower incidence of spread among children. As a school community, we all need to be aware of the symptoms of COVID-19 and contact the school nurses if you have any questions or concerns.

Please note that at this time students and staff are still required to wear face coverings inside and outside of school. One important guideline that has not changed is the definition for a direct contact. The CDC and NJDOH still abide by the direct contact definition which states, "Someone who was within six feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period starting two days before the illness onset." The district's goal remains to keep students and staff in school on a consistent basis. Studies by the CDC have shown that face coverings can block 50% to 70% of fine droplets and particles and limit the forward spread of those particles that are not captured.

However, if guidance changes with respect to face coverings in the future as related to public schools, the district will respect the recommendations of the NJ DOH and NJ DOE.

If you have any questions, please consult your school nurse.

Sincerely,

Scott T. McCue

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