



*The vision of the Lake Forest School District is to be the model of excellence in education.*

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Greetings Spartan Family!

I know there have been a lot of questions generated by Governor Carney's recent announcement about mask wear in schools. What follows is last night's report to the Lake Forest Board of Education and how it will affect Lake Forest Schools:

*Governor Carney announced Monday 2.7.2022 he will be lifting the requirement for masks to be worn in schools after March 31<sup>st</sup>. While the Governor has announced his intention, there has not yet been any guidance from his office, the Delaware Department of Education, or the Delaware Department of Health with regards to any new or existing regulations. Over the next several weeks, we will be watching the data closely and preparing a safe and thoughtful way to transition to any new regulations once they are published. I ask everyone to be patient as we work through this and determine a recommendation to the Board of Education as the best way to move into the next phase of living with COVID 19.*

*For now, District operations remain unchanged with regards to all COVID mitigation strategies including wearing masks in schools where students are present. The surveillance testing and test to stay programs will remain in place as will the requirements for quarantining or isolating when necessary. We are nearing a very important milestone in our strategies for dealing with the pandemic, but we still need to protect ourselves and stay healthy. Wash your hands often, social distance when you can, stay home if you are sick, and get vaccinated if you think it is in your best interest.*

In response to this issue the Board of Education announced we will follow state guidance and not implement restrictions beyond what the state requires. When and if the state gives us additional direction, we will alert the community at once.

I will continue to keep you informed on this issue and hope to update you soon. As always, I welcome your input and look forward to seeing you on a Lake Forest Campus soon.

Sincerely,

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