

October 4, 2020

Dear Springport Employees and Community Members:

This weekend, after the Michigan Supreme Court's ruling on Friday, I've been communicating with the Michigan Association of Superintendents and Administrators (MASA) and the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), along with other Jackson County superintendents,. We've all been told that MDE will be working closely with Governor Whitmer and the state legislature to provide guidance (hopefully) this week.

Although the Supreme Court's ruling casts doubt on the constitutionality of the law Governor Whitmer has based her executive orders on, I want to remind students, parents and employees that Springport Public Schools currently has a Board of Education approved District Safe Schools Roadmap and Extended Learning Plan. By approving the plans Board of Education members recognized the wearing of face coverings along with handwashing and social distancing to be necessary elements in preventing the transmission of the COVID-19 virus.

To prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, and as a necessary requirement to be on school campuses and to attend school sponsored events, it is important that all employees and visitors remember to wear face coverings. All K-12 students will continue to be expected to wear masks while riding on buses and when in large groups and in hallways where social distancing is difficult to do. Students in grades 6-12 will wear masks when in their classrooms. Students in grades K-5 will not be expected to wear masks as that was not originally part of either Board of Education approved plan.

Sincerely,

Bob Cassidy

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