



INTERBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT

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PROSPECT PARK, PA

MAINTAINED BY THE BOROUGHES OF GLENOLDEN, NORWOOD, PROSPECT PARK AND TINICUM

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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Dear Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s):

You are receiving this letter because you or your student(s) have communicated to the District that you are refusing or will refuse to comply with the District's Health and Safety Plan regarding wearing a face covering or mask while in school.

The Health and Safety Plan was adopted by the School Board in August 2021, for the safe re-opening of school for the 2021-2022 school year. **Wearing of a face covering or mask for all staff and students is one aspect of the Plan which contains layers of mitigating measures to contain and stop the COVID-19 virus at Interboro.** The District's primary focus is to safeguard the entire school community against the virus. As mentioned, face coverings are one simple way to help control the spread of the virus.

Under section 510 of the Pennsylvania School Code, the School District is imbued with the authority to impose reasonable rules governing the comportment of students and staff while on school property or engaged in school activities. Under the Pennsylvania Code, students are responsible to, among other things, meet standards of safety and health, and to conduct themselves in accordance with all school rules and regulations. Further, The District is obligated by the Pennsylvania Department of Health to control the spread of communicable diseases within its population and on its property.

In addition to the foregoing, on August 31, 2021, the Pennsylvania Department of Health issued an order directing that face coverings be worn in schools beginning September 7, 2021. The District will comply with the order until further notice. Section 3 of the order makes exception for certain situations, including medical conditions. **However, medical documents must be particular to your child - generic form documents are not acceptable.** I am attaching a copy of the order as well as a form which you may complete if you are requesting an exception under the order.

Any exception requests will be considered by the District and a determination made based on the information and circumstances. In the absence of an approved exception, should your student come to school without a mask, he/she will be offered a mask to wear. If he/she fails or refuses to comply with the school rules, he/she will be sent to the principal's office, and you and/or an emergency contact will be contacted to pick up your child. Continued refusal to comply without excuse may result in discipline in accordance with the student Code of Conduct. If repeated failures to attend class occur due to your child's failure to wear a mask, then he or she will be enrolled in the District's virtual academy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bernadette C. Reiley".

Bernadette C. Reiley, Superintendent of Schools

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