



Friday, September 10, 2021

Greetings, Bulldogs:

This past week was the first week of implementation of the Pennsylvania Department of Health's August 31, 2021, [Masking Order](#). We viewed this week as a transition week while we determined how best to enforce the mandate. I truly appreciate the cooperation and understanding of our Bulldog families and community; **most of all, I appreciate the respect shown to our building administrators, faculty, and staff.**

As of the date/time of this communication, the Masking Order remains in effect. The transition period will end on Wednesday, September 15th, and the expectation is that all students will wear face coverings beginning on Thursday, September 16th.

Information regarding the Masking Order and how it impacts West York can be found on the [Masking Order Information Page](#) of our website. As always, all prior COVID-19 updates as they relate to the District, and other COVID-19 information can be found on the [District website](#). There is also additional information below about quarantining.

Work Session Meeting

We are anticipating a larger than typical audience for next Tuesday's (September 14th @ 6:30 PM) Work Session. I can tell you that the Board will be discussing the PADOH Masking Order and how it impacts our District. In light of this, I would like to share information on meeting conduct and public comment.

- The School Board and Administration welcome community members to public meetings of the Board. The meeting will be held in the Administration Building Boardroom.
- The Board of School Directors encourages comments from the community during the public comment portion of the meeting as noted on the Agenda.
 - The meeting agenda and all pertinent documents are available to the press and public at the meetings.
 - Agendas are also available to the public on the Monday prior to the meeting via BoardDocs. Please visit the [Board page](#) of our website for more information.
- Typically, we allow up to five minutes per person for public comment. If we find there are a significant number of attendees asking to provide public comment, we will adjust that timing to allow not less than three minutes, but no more than five minutes depending on the number of attendees in order to allow as many attendees to speak as possible.

- If you are planning to attend virtually [via Zoom](#), and wish to provide a comment, we ask that you email your comment to us prior to the meeting no later than noon on Tuesday, September 14th, and it will be read by the presiding officer. Again, this is to allow us to plan for timing.
 - Please send your intent to comment to: BulldogMail@wyasd.org.
 - Include your full name and address.
- If you are planning to provide public comment in person, you will be asked to fill out a public comment card (found on the sign-in table) and place it in the basket on the table. Again, this is to allow us to plan for timing.
- The presiding officer will begin public comment with those attending the meeting in person.
- Board policy indicates that the Board will take questions and concerns under advisement and issue a response after due deliberation. A representative of the Board or District administration will contact the individual at the phone number or email provided to share the Board's response.
- The Board does not allow complaints of a personal nature to be initiated at a public meeting. Any such complaints will be referred to the Superintendent.
- No placards or banners will be permitted within the meeting room without prior approval.

West York Cyber Academy

The deadline for those families interested in enrolling in the West York Cyber Academy has **been extended through Friday, September 17, 2021**. Please reach out to your child's building principal if you are interested in the program or enrolling.

Upcoming Board/Committee Meetings

(in-person attendees should plan to wear face coverings until further notice)

September 14, 2021	6:30 PM	Work Session of Board
September 21, 2021	6:30 PM	Board Meeting
September 23, 2021	3:15 PM	Wellness Committee
	5:30 PM	Facilities Committee
September 28, 2021	6:30 PM	AdHoc Policy Committee
October 12, 2021	5:30 PM	EPC Meeting
	7:00 PM	Work Session of the Board
October 19, 2021	6:30 PM	Board Meeting
October 26, 2021	6:30 PM	AdHoc Policy Committee

Bulldog Pantry

As many of you know, the West York Bulldog Pantry is a non-perishable food center located in the High School, open to ALL District families, regardless of financial need, kindergarten through 12th-grade. For distribution dates and times, please visit the [pantry's page](#) on the District website.

District Calendar

Please note that an update to the [2021-22 District Calendar](#) was approved at the August Board Meeting to make May 26, 2022, an early dismissal day.

Reminders

- WYASD is open full-time, five days a week, for in-person instruction in all buildings.
- Staff and students are not required to be vaccinated in order to work or attend school.
- **Face coverings are now required for faculty/staff/students/visitors inside all buildings at campuses across the District, as well as on District buses and vans.**
- If a household member of a school-age child has tested positive for Covid-19, please contact the school nurse for information regarding a required quarantine. Contact information can be found in the [Family Packet](#).

Lunch Program

As you may have heard in the news, our food and supply chain is not currently operating at maximum efficiency in the United States. In light of this, we have been notified that food and supplies deliveries from our vendors may be a challenge this school year due to labor and product shortages. We will make every effort to provide the planned menu items, but in the event that we have to change the menu, we will communicate those changes to families as far in advance as possible.

We are fortunate that the USDA has extended the free breakfast and lunch program for ALL District students through the 2021-22 school year. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Scott Rutkowski, Director of Food Services, scrutkowski@wyasd.org.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Todd M. Davies
Superintendent of Schools