



Friday, September 3, 2021

Greetings, Bulldogs!

Earlier today, I shared communication about the Pennsylvania Department of Health's Masking Order. If you missed it, the communication and other pertinent information about it may be found on the [masking mandate information page](#) of our website. I encourage you to read the communication if you've not already done so, as it contains information about how the Board is approaching the situation.

Key points of the Masking Communication Include:

- This is a mandate that has been determined to be both legal and enforceable; the District is required to follow it.
- The mandate begins on September 7th and applies to all students, staff, and visitors while inside a school building both during the school day and during any after-school activities/events.
- The District will need a period of time to transition, however, the expectation is full cooperation unless a qualified exception exists, and an application for exception is submitted and approved.

At 4:15 PM today, the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) clarified certain parts of the mandate by updating the [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) website](#). These FAQs may address and answer some of your concerns or questions about the impact the mandate will have on schools. We will review these FAQs, and if warranted, will make adjustments on how we approach the mandate.

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.

Outstanding Teachers

Each year, Shippensburg University's Study Council seeks nominations for Outstanding Teachers. This year, West York Area School District is proud to announce that **Ms. Teresa Gallup, Middle School, and Ms. Tonia Sallaway, Trimmer, were selected as Shippensburg Study Council Outstanding Teachers.** Congratulations to both of these deserving teachers - we are all so very proud of you! Ms. Sallaway and Ms. Gallup will be honored at a luncheon at Shippensburg in November during American Education Week.

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](#).

Upcoming Board/Committee Meetings

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

September 14, 2021	5:30 PM	EPC Meeting
	7:00 PM	Work Session of the Board
September 21, 2021	5:30 PM	PRIDE Meeting
	6:30 PM	Board Meeting
September 23, 2021	3:15 PM	Wellness Committee
September 28, 2021	6:30 PM	AdHoc Policy Committee Meeting
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 Committing Meeting

All School Board meetings will be open for public attendance. We will continue to offer virtual attendance as well as live streaming on our YouTube channel. Please visit the [website](#) for more information.

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.

Please enjoy the long weekend, and we'll see everyone back in the buildings on Tuesday.

Sincerely,

Todd M. Davies
Superintendent of Schools

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