

**WALLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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Dear Wallington Families and Staff:

This letter is intended to communicate to you some exceptions to the school mask mandates that Governor Murphy released in his Coronavirus briefing of June 7, 2021. These exceptions have been announced in response to the increased heat and humidity we are all experiencing as we approach the summer months.

The guidance from the Office of the Governor allows for heat related exceptions to the mask mandate in public schools, permitting the removal of masks in certain situations. Our district will adhere to this guidance and allow for the removal of masks by staff and students (both indoors and outdoors) due to the heat at this time of the year. Of course, if a staff member or student prefers to leave their mask on, they are free to do so.

Please be reminded that while the Governor has created allowances for exceptions to mandatory masking of students and staff, the mask mandate has not been fully lifted. To that end, we will still require that staff and students all continue to have their masks with them both in school and on campus, as masks will still be required in situations where we have difficulty socially distancing such as while moving from class to class, in the hallways, etc.

I thank you all for the cooperation and consideration you have given to all of the mandates and changes that have been made this past year and more recently. Please contact my office or the office of your building principal if you have any questions

Sincerely,

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