

Centreville Public Schools

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Dear Bulldog Families:

Many of you may be aware that the Michigan Supreme Court ruled late last Friday that Governor Whitmer does not have the authority to extend emergency orders under two emergency acts -- the Emergency Management Act from 1976 and the Emergency Powers of the Governor Act from 1945. We have received several questions from parents over the weekend as to how this ruling will affect procedures at Centreville Public Schools, mainly dealing with the wearing of masks.

In one of Gov. Whitmer's last executive orders, students in grades K-5 were to begin wearing masks in the classroom starting today. Because of the Supreme Court's ruling, we will NOT require students in grades K-5 to wear masks in the classrooms. However, students in those grades WILL still be required to wear masks on the bus, in the hallways, and when moving from place to place, as they have since school began in August.

In addition, students in grades 6-12 will still be required to wear masks all day.

These requirements are part of the state's Return to Learn Plan (approved by the Michigan Legislature in August), as well as the district's Return to School Plan, and Board approved student handbooks at the elementary and jr/sr high school. These plans were developed with significant staff and community input through the work of the "Return to Learn Taskforce." We will continue to comply with the procedures set forth in these plans. If anything changes moving forward, we will let parents know immediately.

Our "Return to Learn Taskforce" is made up of staff, parents, board members, and community members. The taskforce will continue to meet on a monthly basis to revisit our plan and, if necessary, make adjustments based on the health and safety of our students and staff. Our goal is to make decisions together with input from all stakeholders. If you are interested in joining the taskforce, please email me at slemmer@cpschools.org.

In the meantime, the Board of Education will be holding a special meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss moving forward with the district's current Return to Learn Plan. Please feel free to join the meeting through the following link meet.google.com/rpk-vzkg-cff.

Thank you for your continued patience, cooperation, and support as we navigate these changes together.



Stephanie Lemmer
Superintendent