



VERNON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Vernon School District Families, Staff, and Students,

Based on Governor Murphy's statement today, the Vernon Township School District will be **relaxing mask requirements** for staff and students in our district through the end of the school year. Governor Murphy stated, "In-school masking requirements include exceptions for extreme heat", which the Vernon Schools issued on May 24 and that "school officials are empowered to make the best decision for their buildings and communities".

Based on this information, **students and staff may remove their masks** during the extreme temperatures we are facing **both outdoors and in our buildings and classrooms**. This will apply to our school buses as well. This decision is based on the high numbers of vaccinated individuals in our schools and that in the last two weeks we have had no COVID positive cases in the Vernon School District.

Please be advised that COVID symptoms will still be addressed by our school nurses who are doing what they can to mitigate the spread of COVID. If your child has symptoms, please do not send them to school.

Please continue to maintain physical distancing and be courteous around those who chose to wear a mask for safety or for health reasons.

Sincerely,

Karen D'Avino

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Superintendent of Schools