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Dear WPSD Parents/Guardians,

The West Perry School District continues to prepare for students returning on August 24th-25th with an A/B pattern, followed by full in-person attendance on September 8. We continue to offer the choice of a virtual learning opportunity, as we are sensitive and respectful of the all parent perspectives. With that said, I would like to update you on a few changes:

- ✓ The Governor's and DOH mask order will be in effect for the start of the school year. Given the most recent state [facial covering order](#) and clarification by [PDE](#), students **will** be required to wear masks if they cannot maintain the recommended social distancing guidelines. The facial covering order applies to all school employees and students, except those with a medical or mental-health condition or disability who cannot wear a face covering. School employees and students cannot opt out of facial coverings, unless they meet one of the criteria that is listed above. The order defines [face coverings](#) as a cover that covers the nose and mouth that is secured to the head with ties, straps, or loops over the ears or is wrapped around the lower face.
- ✓ Students can remove masks while eating or drinking; while seated at desks or assigned workspaces; or whenever they are spaced six feet apart. This is our goal whenever feasible.
- ✓ Students are required to wear masks while on school vehicles, in hallways, and anywhere that social distancing cannot occur.
- ✓ Students who are observed not wearing a facial covering or taking it off at inappropriate times will be reported to the building administration. Administration will contact parents to discuss the reason a mask is not being worn and work with parents/guardians to implement accommodations when necessary.
- ✓ The District will have a supply of disposable face coverings for students and staff in the building offices.
- ✓ Consequences for students not wearing a facial covering will follow the student handbook for other dress code violations including contacting parents and assigning corrective measures.
- ✓ In situations when a parent feels their child is unable to wear a facial covering, the parent will be required to provide the school nurse with a doctor's note describing the medical or mental-health condition that exists. The District will initiate the 504 Plan process or update an individual's IEP.
- ✓ Educational trip requests will be closely scrutinized this year than in the past. Travel to states that are on the [Governor's travel restriction list](#) will be denied. Should a family choose to take a student without approval, the absences will be marked as unexcused.
- ✓ If a confirmed case of COVID-19 is discovered in the school district, all guidelines that are provided by the DOH and PDE will be followed. The [COVID-19 Closure guidelines](#) will be followed for any situation that involves exposure to or a positive case of COVID-19.

I would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation and support on these matters, as it is truly our first priority to ensure the safety and security of our students and staff. Please do not hesitate to contact me at dzula@westperry.org if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

David M. Zula
Superintendent of Schools