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Yesterday afternoon, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court overturned the Department of Health's Masking Order for Pennsylvania schools. Decisions regarding masking for students are now returned to local school boards. Our current board approved [Health and Safety Plan](#) states that facial coverings are optional. This means that effective immediately, masking is optional for PreK through 12 students, staff, and visitors in all West Perry schools. **Masking is still mandatory while on district buses and vans per federal requirements.** Students, staff, and visitors who wish to mask voluntarily are encouraged to do so.

Our primary goal is to ensure in-person education. We will be reviewing the Health and Safety Plan in the coming days to consider mitigation efforts that may become necessary to meet this goal.

Thank you for your understanding as we work through the masking controversy. We will communicate any changes to this guidance that may develop.

Dr. Nancy Snyder

Substitute Superintendent