

May 13, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Board of Education held a special meeting on May 12, 2021 revisiting its current policies on the requirement of face coverings within school buildings for students, staff and visitors.

**The Board moved to officially end the requirement of face coverings upon conclusion of the last instructional day on Friday, June 4, 2021.**

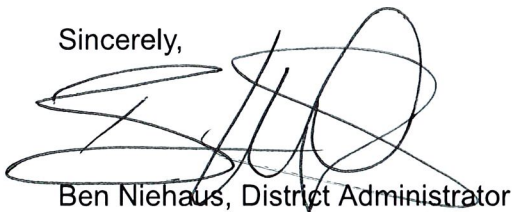
Outside of any new orders imposed by federal, state or local governments, or a significant resurgence of the pandemic at any point forward, the Board will not require face coverings for students, staff or visitors after June 4, 2021 - face coverings will be optional after June 4.

The Board does not have control over what other partnering institutions may have in place for their programs and facilities, and those institutions' COVID rules and expectations must be followed. The Board and Administration appreciate your cooperation in those matters.

Face coverings will also continue to be required on school provided transportation per a Federal Order (*Section 361 of the Public Health Service Act 42 U.S.C. 264 and 42 Code of Federal Regulations 70.2, 71.31(b), 71.32(b)*). Until this order is rescinded or modified, all individuals on school provided transportation will be required to wear face coverings beyond June 4, 2021.

We appreciate your continued cooperation and support in these final days of the 2020-2021 school year.

Sincerely,



Ben Niehaus, District Administrator

c: Board of Education - School District of Florence County