



# HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## *Office of the Superintendent*

June 14, 2021

Dear Members of the Holmdel school community:

Effective Wednesday, June 16, 2021, students and staff will have the option of not wearing a mask on a school bus or in our schools. This lifting of restrictions on mask-wearing will continue for the balance of the school year and beyond, unless there is a dramatic change in COVID-19 cases within the Holmdel community or the State.

The Governor has made recent statements to suggest that local schools have greater discretion during excessive heat conditions to address remediation measures in their schools. As a result, we conducted a review of our current safety practices, which have resulted in the mitigation of student or staff COVID-19 cases and a significant decrease of mandatory quarantines for an extended period of time; we have also reviewed the relaxation of mask mandates in the State. Based on this review, we have come to the conclusion that under the New Jersey State Reopening Plan and with the extraordinary safety and ventilation protocols in place in the Holmdel Schools, the District is in the position to make the wearing of masks by students and staff optional.

If you are not comfortable having your child attend school under this condition, your child may take advantage of the District's remote learning program that is already in place by notifying the principal of their school.

As always, the health and safety of the members of our school community are of utmost importance to us. If you have any questions or concerns about the decision to lift mask restrictions, please feel free to contact me via email.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "LeRoy Seitz".

Dr. LeRoy Seitz  
Interim Superintendent of Schools